

The Skeletal Effect

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I was recently exposed to a situation where there were several horses that had been neglected so badly that it looked like their hip bones would pop through their skin. I'd seen these horses years earlier, they were healthy, strong and muscular. To see them in this state was very sad. Even the muscle in their chest were gone due to starvation. Their outer skin just seem to hang on their skeletal frame. That's when the Lord started to talk to me about the "skeletal effect".

"Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews." Job 10:11
" His flesh is vanishing away from sight, And his bones are ridges that once could not be seen."
Job 33:21

Our skeleton is the very frame and structure on which everything else rests. Yet, if the structure is misaligned, out of place or missing a part it will not be able to carry everything it is to carry properly.

There are things we cannot see about our structure when we are healthy, when we are full of flesh. What may appear healthy, stable, stout and strong may prove to be weakness, diseased, puffed up and unstable.

This is the state of the church. There is flesh, sinews, muscles apparently healthy. The Lord is now, however; allowing us as the true body of Christ to come down to our frame. There has been a lot of flesh in the body of Christ. We have grown fat and complacent to the things of God. Sin runs rampant throughout our congregations. True holiness, prayer and humility has seemed to take a back seat to seeker friendly congregations. It's o.k. to sin now honey, God will forgive you. It's o.k. for you to live in adultery, just keep paying your tithe.

Jesus one act of anger dealt with the money changers in the temple. Yet it has become common place for a lot of ministers to sell their latest book or cd from behind the pulpit. At the very least, we must have a book table at the back. Hello...

CLV Jn 2:14 And He found in the sanctuary those selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting.

CLV Jn 2:15 And, making a whip out of ropes, He casts all out of the sanctuary, both the sheep and the oxen, and He pours out the change of the brokers and overturns the tables.

CLV Jn 2:16 And to those selling doves He said, "Take these away hence, and do not be making My Father's house a house for a merchant's store."

CLV Jn 2:17 Now His disciples are reminded that it is written: "The zeal of Thy house will be devouring Me."

How is it we have overlooked this? God is allowing His true body to go through a season of depletion. How can we truly walk in the Kingdom of God when we have never learned what that means? Are we going to suddenly be able to believe God to meet our needs in times of disaster when we haven't been able to believe and trust in Him during times of abundance? Who is our God? Who is our Source? Who is our Provision?

What does it truly mean to live in the Kingdom of God? What does it mean to be one of His servants?

There are those that are in "ministry" that are so puffed up and full of pride that they will not minister somewhere unless they receive a certain size offering. Forget going to a small congregation...they are

too big for that now. I've aspired, I've made it....how foolish.

This is what we have to look forward to until we come to a true place of repentance and humility before Him.

" Lam 3:1 I am the master who has seen humiliation under the club of His rage;
Lam 3:2 He leads me and makes me walk in darkness and not light;
Lam 3:4 He wears out my flesh and my skin; He breaks my bones;
Lam 3:5 He builds against me and encompasses me with destitution and stress;
Lam 3:6 He makes me dwell in utter darkness like the eonian dead.
Lam 3:7 He dikes me about so that I cannot go forth; He makes my copper fetters heavy;
Lam 3:8 Even when I cry out and implore, He shuts out my prayer;
Lam 3:9 He dikes my ways with trimmed stone; He contorts my tracks.
Lam 3:10 A bear lying in ambush is He to me, a lion in concealments;
Lam 3:11 He withdraws me from my ways and tears me apart; He makes me desolate.
Lam 3:12 He positions His bow and is setting me as a target for the arrow;
Lam 3:13 He pierces my innermost being with the sons of His quiver.
Lam 3:14 I have become the sport of all peoples, the accompaniment of their song all the day;
Lam 3:15 He surfeits me with bitter herbs; He satiates me with wormwood.
Lam 3:16 He is breaking up my teeth on gravel; He makes me fare on ashes;
Lam 3:17 My soul is cast off from peace; I am oblivious of good;
Lam 3:18 And I think my endurance has perished, and my hope from Yahweh.
Lam 3:19 Remember my humiliation and my homelessness, the wormwood and poison;
Lam 3:20 My soul is remembering, yea remembering and is prostrate within me.
Lam 3:21 This I recall to my heart, and therefore I have hope:
Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness;
Lam 3:24 Yahweh is my portion, my soul declares; therefore I shall hope for Him.
Lam 3:25 Yahweh is good to those who are expectant, to the soul that seeks after Him;" CLV

Let me ask you a question. What is the purpose for a revelation of the word of God? What is the purpose for an anointing on your life?

Is it to sell books and become famous? Or, is it for the equipping of the saints?

For all the books that are out there, there is only a small percentage that are truly anointed by God. The body is no more equipped after reading most books than before. They are still looking for a person to tell them what God is saying. The body of Christ is sick, crippled and powerless for the most part. How insulting, I can't believe you said that.... Really, ask someone to pray for you. If you can find someone that will pray for you, on the spot, do you receive an answer? Are you healed? Did you get your breakthrough? Unfortunately the answer most likely will be no. Why? Doesn't God answer prayer? Yes. Don't we have the same power that raised Christ from the dead dwelling in us? Yes. Then why?

There are many reasons, but one main reason is we raised a co-dependent body. Not an equipped body.

Fact is, most of the body hasn't even been permitted to operate in their gifts and callings. Let alone been trained to pray for one another. Somewhere along the way we've got some notion that the church had to have 3 songs an offering, a twenty minute message and then maybe we would pray for people and that's church.

We've become arrogant and proud. We do not esteem others. Instead we disdain others. Somewhere the

body and those in leadership came into agreement with a lie. A lie that says only those in leadership can hear God accurately, and they are above reproach. A lie that says I cannot obey God and move forward unless man approves of it.

We have been guilty as a body of not allowing all the parts to function. Is it a wonder we have cancer, abdominal problems, heart attacks and other natural sickness in the body of Christ? These are representations of what is going on in the realm of the spirit.

" 1C 12:22 but Nay, much rather, *those members of the body |supposed to be |inherently weaker are necessary,
1C 12:23 and which we |suppose to be a more dishonored part of the body, these we are investing with more exceeding honor, and our *indecent members |have more exceeding respectability." CLV

We have dishonored the true elders of the church. The mothers of the church that have spent their days in prayer and intercession for the body. These women of God, for the most part have fulfilled their ministry un-noticed. Yet, without them, most ministries would not be sustained. They have a lot of revelation to share with the body of Christ, it's time to give them place and recognition.

ALL the body of Christ is necessary. God did not only create Pastors...they are not the only leaders that God has established in the body. They are stewards of HIS flock. He created Apostles, Prophets, Teachers and Evangelist too. They look different, smell different and act different. Some of the most anointed street evangelists I know have been rejected by the church. Why?

" Eph 4:11 And the same One _ogives *these, indeed, as apostles, yet *these as prophets, yet *these as evangelists, yet these as pastors and teachers,
Eph 4:12 toward the adjusting of the saints into for the work of dispensing, into for the upbuilding of the body of Christ,
" Eph 4:13 unto the end that we should *all |attain into the unity of the faith and of the realization of the son of *God, into a mature man, into the measure of the stature of the complement of the Christ," CLV

"Eph 4:14 that we may by no means still be minors, surging~ hither and thither and being carried~ about by every wind of *teaching, in by *=human *caprice, in by craftiness with a view toward the systematizing of the deception.

Eph 4:15 Now, being true, in love we should be making *all grow into Him, Who is the Head-- *Christ--

Eph 4:16 out of Whom the entire body, being articulated~ together and united~ through every assimilation of the supply, in accord with the operation in measure of each one's part, is making~ for the growth of the body, into for the upbuilding of itself in love." CLV

Tell me, how much love are we walking in when we disdain another part of the body, when we don't allow that part to operate? The whole body suffers when one part suffers. It's true in our physical bodies and it is true in the body of Christ.

Individually and corporately we must repent.

There are a lot of shut down, wounded and offended, bitter people in the body of Christ. We are the ones that wounded each other.

There are no gender or age restrictions to being used in the body of Christ. We are to be sold out; spirit, soul and body. Walking in the love of God, and spending time in fellowship with Him. Those are the restrictions. No ONE individual has the market on God and how He operates. He can use anyone to do anything He wants. We've put an awesome, infinite God in some kind of mental box. God is not limited, He is limitless...

God does not require someone to sit on a pew for several years before He will use them. As a matter of fact He likes to use new converts immediately; all their fire and zeal and freshness. Before they get contaminated by religion. Before they are told "you can't do that" or "God won't do that".

When I sat down to write this article, I asked the Holy Spirit to write what He wanted written. I did not know this was the direction it would go. He is the one who wanted these things said. I have no burning desire to bash the body of Christ. I want to see the body whole, healthy functioning in unity and the love of God. Walking in power and authority, fully equipped to run through troops and tear down walls. I want us to be one even as JESUS AND THE FATHER ARE ONE.

If we cooperate with the Father in allowing our flesh to be removed we will have a frame in which He can operate with. In which He can breathe upon and bring His life into us, His spirit to fill the skin.

"Ezk 37:3 And He said unto me, 'Son of man, do these bones live?' And I say, 'O Lord Yahweh, You--You have known.'

Ezk 37:4 And He said unto me, 'Prophesy concerning these bones, and you have said unto them: O dry bones, hear a word of Yahweh:

Ezk 37:5 Thus said the Lord Yahweh to these bones: Lo, I am bringing into you a spirit, and you have lived,

Ezk 37:6 and I have given on you sinews, and cause flesh to come up upon you, and covered you over with skin, and given in you a spirit, and you have lived, and you have known that I [am] Yahweh.'

Ezk 37:7 And I have prophesied as I have been commanded, and there is a noise, as I am prophesying, and lo, a rushing, and draw near do the bones, bone unto its bone.

Ezk 37:8 And I beheld, and lo, on them [are] sinews, and flesh has come up, and cover them does skin over above--and spirit there is none in them.

Ezk 37:9 And He said unto me: 'Prophesy unto the Spirit, prophesy, son of man, and you have said unto the Spirit: Thus said the Lord Yahweh: From the four winds come in, O Spirit, and breathe on these slain, and they do live.'

Ezk 37:10 And I have prophesied as He commanded me, and the Spirit comes into them, and they live, and stand on their feet--a very very great force". CLV

We, whether Jew or Gentile we are the spiritual house of Israel. He will give us hope and strength. We will walk in resurrection life as He brings us up out of our graves.

We as the body of Christ are a very great army, led by the Lord of Hosts, accompanied by the angels of heaven. We must unite in the love of God, we must be focused on the purposes of the Kingdom of God and not of man.

It's time for us to come together again in prayer, to see the purposes of God fulfilled here on the earth. All of our kingdoms must fall so that God can arise.

You may say that God gave you a vision, a dream to fulfill. It will be fulfilled when you seek first the

Kingdom of God and His righteousness. We've been trying to make things happen in the flesh. Flesh can only beget flesh. It has to be the Spirit of God working in and through us that these things are established for them to have lasting impact and power.

What is the "skeletal effect"? It's when we, led by the Holy Spirit, yield up all areas of our lives to God. Where He is the very framework and skeletal structure upon which everything else is built. It's where there is nothing left of us except skin; in which He fills with Himself as He breathes upon us and we live.

"Ga 2:20 together With Christ have I been crucified~, yet I am living; not longer I, yet but living in me is Christ. Now that which I am now living in flesh, I am living in faith *that is of the Son of God, *Who loves me, and |gives Himself up forthe sake of me." CLVCLV Ga 2:20 together With Christ have I been crucified~, yet I am living; not longer I, yet but living in me is Christ. Now that which I am now living in flesh, I am living in faith *that is of the Son of God, *Who loves me, and |gives Himself up forthe sake of me.

I can hear all the arguments to this in the spirit. Pride will always stand as a gatekeeper to hearing truth. If you don't believe this applies to you, wonderful.

I pray to the Father that we may be one even as He and Jesus are one. That we would walk in the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. That God's will, will be performed upon the earth. That the sons of God would arise and be made whole. That we would walk in the fullness of power and authority granted to us as sons in love. That every part of the body would work synergistic ally together as a whole.

Blessings in Jesus name.