

***Familiarity Without Brokenness***

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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

**. . . It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** Our Lord Jesus said that in **Matthew 4:4**. It is always when we handle the Word of God that we realize that everything is based on the veracity of God's Word. Many of us go into this field of knowledge and we kind of feel, "Oh my, what do I know and how can I put this together?" Then we ask this little bit of blessing of God upon it. Or perhaps we take out a Scripture, because it seems the appropriate thing to do. "After all, we are religious!" No. Many enter into their field of knowledge, but they are not broken in the field of reality. When we take the Word of God, remember, familiarity without brokenness is just like a plague to the resurrection life of the Church. We must be broken before the Word of God. The Word of God we receive in the spirit and it should break our heart. We should respond to the Word of God. To receive His Word without a decreasing leaves me, leaves you, as a Christian, only with academic possibilities and no reality. Perhaps one of the saddest things that has happened in these last days is that we have raised up many through institutions who have academic possibilities, but they have no reality of the Lord Jesus. Therefore, people no longer understand the Lord is alive; the Lord is real; the Word of God is real.

Unfortunately, that is how they use the Word; they abuse it. They have knowledge, but they do not understand the application of the Spirit of God using it in their life.

**. . . for the fashion of this world passeth away,** we are told in **1 Corinthians 7:31**. We are not to use the Word just as a means of making this thing count that I should be seen, that I should be felt, or that my position should be understood, and this is the way our church does it! No. We are missing the fact that we have the living Word of God! We have the risen Lord Jesus Christ. For the Word of God speaks to us; it is alive; it is full of power; it is active; it is operative; it is energizing; it is effective! Is that what the Word of God is doing in your life today? Or do you find you are sifting and you are judging and you are analyzing everything that is going on and you are trying to make God's Word work for you? You know, there is not a creature existing, not a person out there, the Lord has not spoken to and given him that opportunity to see, even by his very conscience, there is a God in heaven. God is speaking right now to hearts such as yours and He is saying, "I am the bread of life. I came down for you that you might feed your heart upon Me." Perhaps you have a God-shaped blank. Perhaps you have wondered what is missing in your life. Perhaps you are religious; perhaps you hate the very thought of such an idea. Perhaps you are very involved with the color of your skin or the type of group you belong to or the tribe or the country. God is not

taking in those things; He is looking at your heart. He sees you as somebody special, somebody He created for Himself, somebody that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for. And He is saying, “I am alive. I rose from the dead. I have poured out my Spirit and brought conviction to your heart. Therefore, I am speaking to you today and I am saying, respond to me and turn from all these things. Realize I am Life itself and my Word is alive. Pick up that Word.”

I want you to know as a very young girl, I thought I was following God. But in so following, the people around me knew very little of taking the Word of God. I heard a line of Scripture one time sung in a song. It spoke to me: **God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24).** That penetrated my life. I thought, “How can I meet God? How can I meet this holy requirement? How do I understand about Who the Spirit is, for nobody seems to understand or to know?” There is ***Spirit*** and there is ***truth***. We can find through God that as He pours out His Spirit in conviction. He does it that He might bring truth to you and me. That is exactly what the Lord did for me when I personally came to the place to see, through His Word, that I was a sinner. I never thought of myself as a sinner! I was a very moral, right person; I was active for God; I had studied theology, but I did not know Him. I had talked to people about their need to follow the things which to me were right, but I did not know the Way. When I had to one day humble myself, it was no easy

matter. I was a proud, religious person, but when I came to see I had to humble myself and recognize I needed Jesus Christ personally, then I began to understand that He alone could be that One who would be reality in my life. He would be the Christian in me. I did not have to copy being a Christian; He was the One in His resurrection power who would be that Christian. When I received Him, my life was transformed and changed. Oh, many things had to fall away, but the Word of God became alive. I could **worship Him in spirit and truth.**

I am asking you today - are you alive in Jesus? Is the Word of God alive to you? If not, turn to Him while you have a chance. Receive Him.

*In Jesus' precious Name. Amen.*