

Now Concerning Spiritual Things
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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**A BREAKTHROUGH
WORTH WRITING ABOUT
Part Three
Rhema Words**

Very early Sunday morning following the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus in Jerusalem, certain women first came to the tomb bringing spices to anoint His body for proper burial. They were surprised to find two angels, sitting in the *empty* tomb, who said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen!"¹

On that same Sunday, two disciples, who had witnessed some of the startling events in Jerusalem, started the seven-mile journey to their home in Emmaus. They used a popular first century mode of transportation on their trip home: *walking*. On the way, while discussing these unusual and sad occurrences in Jerusalem, the resurrected Jesus drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so they did not know Him. Jesus then asked them what they were discussing and why they were sad. They replied with a brief explanation of the recent startling occurrences in the city concerning the crucifixion and apparent resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, which raised many unanswered questions. Jesus then expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Him as revealed in Moses and all the Prophets. Late that afternoon when the trio arrived at Emmaus, Jesus accepted their invitation to stay with them overnight. That evening at the supper table, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him and He vanished from their sight.²

The *knowledge* of scripture as revealed to them by Jesus led to *understanding* which *strengthened their faith* and *renewed their hope*. These two disciples heard *rhema* words spoken by the Master Himself. What they heard and now understood filled in the blanks in their minds concerning the recent events in Jerusalem. This so thrilled, excited and blessed them, they immediately got up from the supper table and started the seven-mile walk

back to Jerusalem to share with the eleven, and those who were with them, the wonderful things Jesus had revealed to them on the way home and at the supper table. That is the way of rhema words. Rhema words are spirit and life.

God desires that every servant hear His rhema words! I now hear them on a regular basis. That is the *breakthrough* about which I write. God has spoken to me and said *it is His desire that all His servants hear rhema words regularly and He has instructed me to share with you this blessing*. Rhema words are always timely and are designed, personalized and spoken to fill a specific need in the life of his servants – *all of His servants*. On occasion, the result may be profound and cause spontaneous unspeakable joy, thanksgiving and praise to God. I speak from experience. Nothing satisfies like rhema words.

I have learned to always take my Bible, journal and a pen with me in my morning prayers. Sufficient time should be allowed for "interruptions." Rhema word *interruptions* have been given to me at most every conceivable time of the day and night. I have learned that the time to listen to the Lord is when He speaks, regardless of the circumstance and regardless of any activity that He may interrupt. If this is not done, you will miss a blessing. Nothing is more important than hearing a rhema word from God.

Rhema words have come to me from the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus and the Father God. In most cases the One speaking may be identified by reference to nouns and pronouns used in the message. For example, in my experience, a reference to "My Son" means God is speaking. A reference to "the Lord Jesus" means the Holy Spirit is speaking. A reference to "the Father" or "My Father" means the Lord Jesus is speaking. I have received prophetic words when the Person speaking would change during the revelation.

Here are some examples of rhema words given to me on the dates and times as indicated. Although certainly not included in the original word, I have personally added several footnotes for clarity and understanding.

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"My son, do you now see where I am taking you? I am literally giving you rhema words of life that My

¹See Luke 24:1-6.

²For the complete story of this *Emmaus incident*, see Luke 24:13-35.

Church desperately needs to hear. Rhema words, the ‘Emmaus blessing,’ are available to everyone. While it is true that there is a cost to be paid, the cost is merely an investment in the form of a commitment which yields exponential returns.

“The *rhema blessing* is the missing ingredient to My recipe of life. A missing ingredient which may leave life dull, meaningless and mundane – an existence filled with doubt, unbelief and without hope. Hope fuels faith.³ Without hope, faith dies and leaves one to fend for himself against the enemy, a mismatch made in the world by the god of this world – a mismatch because the enemy is smarter than man. Adam is the good example.⁴ I had to send My Son to redeem man from that which he inherited from Adam – a generational curse that must be broken to live as I intended from the beginning. The breaking of the Adamic generational curse is done in stages; it is not done quickly and decisively.

“The ministry of My only Son started with Holy Spirit baptism.⁵ *That* baptism is for ministry. It is not essential for salvation, nor is it essential for rebirth, but it is essential for ministry, meaning *My ministry to you* so you may minister to others.

“My Church has shut out Me and My ministries by not including baptism of the Holy Spirit (and fire) as a Church doctrine. I sent My Son into the world to minister and He would have been incomplete without this blessing. You therefore are incomplete without it. Jesus said, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but by Me.’⁶ If Holy Spirit baptism was essential for the ministry of My only Son who was born as was Adam (without sin), it is therefore essential for you in order for you to be an effective representative of Me on the earth. Jesus, My only Son, is My Example. You may also become My example on the earth in the same way. Holy Spirit baptism is really a new beginning as is salvation and rebirth. *That* baptism makes *real* ministry possible since it is the beginning of My becoming *real* in the lives of those who follow My Son.

“Baptism of the Holy Spirit, when one thereafter becomes mature, is the avenue through which My rhema words are available *on an ongoing basis*. This is a

process experienced only through (1) commitment, (2) obedience, (3) faithfulness and (4) trustworthiness. These are actually four steps to maturity after receiving baptism of the Holy Spirit (and fire). The *baptism* is for power.⁷ *Fire* is the purging⁸ Agent to render the vessel pure for My service. One may be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire but still be deceived and fall away to perdition⁹ unless that one is consecrated by the blood unto My service. That consecration follows the *baptism* which leads to commitment, obedience, faithfulness and trustworthiness. These four steps are necessary for consecration, the very foundation of a true ministry to Me. Yes, all ministry is as unto Me or it is adulterated. When one is consecrated is when I Myself do so by placing the blood of My Son on him. Those so marked are My servants for the last days end-time events which are at hand.

“This walk with Me, My son, is a walk that will begin in the pew. I will call men and women out of the pew who will bypass the pastoral system that has stereotyped My Image unnecessarily. Those whom I call will not have a ‘program’ to follow. They will not have an ‘organization,’ for I will consecrate and ordain them Myself for these last days.

“Tell this, My son, to My people. My people who have been fed a spiritually bland diet of man’s making. The pastoral system has sanitized My message. I therefore must correct that by speaking to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. My people are not motivated by another *concept*, another *program*, regardless of how exciting it may sound initially. Programs designed to involve My people may produce some good, but good I have not directed. When I ordain a servant, I become his Programmer. I become his Director. I become his Leader. I become his Commander.”

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“In the world a commander speaks. In the kingdom the Commander listens. The listening ear commands the Commander.”¹⁰ Here is the explanation: Remember there is a world war going on in the unseen

³See Hebrews 11:1.

⁴Adam was created (formed) without sin (the same as Jesus), placed in a perfect environment and was still overcome by the cunning of Satan.

⁵See Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33.

⁶John 14:6.

⁷See Acts 1:8.

⁸See Isaiah 6:7.

⁹See Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26; Revelation 3:1(b), 4, 5.

¹⁰These are *rhema* words from the Lord. The explanation that follows, written at the same time, although not in the prophetic style, is an *Emmaus blessing* from the Lord, meaning words of knowledge logically presented to lend understanding so as to strengthen your faith and renew your hope.

and the battle is for the souls of men. Eternal life and eternal death literally hang in the balance. Satan and his hordes do not want you to hear the words of God, for he knows they are spirit and life.¹¹ One reason he knows that is because God's word created him – spoke him [Satan] into existence *and he knows that!* Having once been in the esteemed circle of the Godhead,¹² he knows the power of God's word and does not want you to hear it. When you hear it, it imparts life. What the enemy wants you to hear are words of his henchmen, spirits of evil, that are dispatched to believers at his command. What they speak to you in enticing words is death. He comes to steal, kill and destroy¹³ and he does it with fiery darts¹⁴ planted in the mind to tempt you through his evil lustful, prideful thoughts.

On the other hand, the Lord desires to speak to us because His words impart spirit and life. Not many of His servants believe He speaks. Therefore, few listen. Not many who believe He speaks, believe that He does so today. Not many who believe He speaks today, believe He will speak to THEM. Those who do, *believe the initiative is left up to Him.* Consequently, many born-again, Spirit filled, dedicated, sold-out servants of God busy themselves with MUCH SPEAKING [to God]. There is nothing wrong with speaking to God. It's called prayer. *But that is only one-half of prayer!* That is why many dedicated servants of God are undernourished. Spending time in the word and in prayer and faithfully meeting with the saints on a regular basis is good medicine, but may lack an essential, nourishing ingredient: regular rhema words of Life from the Master Himself.

Those of us who pray usually believe God listens but most are not impressed with His speaking to us because we have been taught – conditioned by example and much teaching – that the Bible is His word which we must study in order to be approved of God.¹⁵ While that is true, *if believed and practiced in the absolute*, it crowds out what God wants to do, that is, He wants to speak to us. Listening to [hearing] Him is not based on His initiative, *but upon our initiative.* We must therefore learn to listen, for as we learn to listen, because He wishes to speak to us, *our listening commands Him –*

compels Him, since it is His desire to speak to every believer rhema¹⁶ words of Life.

The reason we have not learned to listen is because our leaders in the Church (pastors and teachers) have neglected this part of our education. We have crowded out the voice of God with our much speaking. Although I am neither a pastor nor in the forefront of Church leadership, I am a teacher and have been guilty of this sin. But no more! I therefore confess this sin to our Lord and to you and repent. Our situation in the Church today may be likened to enrolling in the university. We register for our courses, buy the text books, lab manuals and go to class on the first day only to discover as we attend each class for the first time that the professors are mute. They don't speak! By attending such classes, sooner or later, usually sooner, students lose interest in going to classes "taught" by mute teachers. Mute teachers produce students who haven't learned to listen.

While the text book for a given class usually contains the essentials for the course, the teacher who is not mute may impart expedience to the learning process by speaking. A teacher who speaks may add spice, interest, excitement and understanding to the student. His words may also add another essential ingredient: encouragement, which prompts and imparts the desire to learn. An explanation of the basic, intermediate and advanced terms, definitions, applications, theories, theorems, parameters [laws – rules of learning] is done through speaking.

GOD SPEAKS TODAY. Everything essential for life and Godliness is contained in the bible¹⁷ but Jesus did many things and spoke many words that are not written in the Bible.¹⁸ He wishes to speak spirit and life in [and into] *all believers* who have not been taught to listen.

While it is true that everyone is assigned a

¹⁶Logos and rhema are words of God. The written word, the bible, is the *logos* of God. *Rhema* is the spoken word of God illustrated in the words of Jesus, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone but by every [rhema] word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4). In this scripture the spoken word of God is a rhema word contained in the logos, the written word. There is no exact pattern for this occurrence. It may happen *at any time.*

¹⁷See 2 Peter 1:2, 3.

¹⁸Read Mark 4:34; Luke 24:27; John 21:25. Each of these scriptures recorded the fact that Jesus spoke many words and did many things that are not recorded in the Bible. However if they were included in the bible, they would be part of the Logos. But the things He said which are and which are not recorded in the bible were rhema words when they were spoken. As believers learn to listen, *He will speak to each of us rhema words* that may be similar to words given to two believers one day on the road to Emmaus as recorded in Luke 24:13-35.

¹¹See John 6:63.

¹²See Ezekiel 28:12-15.

¹³See John 10:10.

¹⁴See Ephesians 6:16.

¹⁵See 2 Timothy 2:15.

measure of faith¹⁹ so that no one will have an excuse at either The Great White Throne Judgement²⁰ or the Judgment Seat of Christ,²¹ the Master earnestly desires to SPEAK to each of us. From Him comes His living rhema word for us on a timely basis – and this comes from learning to listen.

We must learn that just because we have the Bible, God is not mute. We can have words of life from our Commander only as we learn to listen. When that “process” is understood and developed, one will desire to sit at the Master’s feet to listen, to drink in every word from Him for He truly wishes to speak to each of us.

This – His speaking – is the missing link, the missing ingredient in our daily walk with Him. If this is of interest to you, come aboard this ship, come along with me. I have learned – am learning – from the Master Himself the blessing of listening that commands, yes, even compels Him, to speak words of life to a thirsty Church who desires living water. I’ve discovered the Source. Join me and you’ll enjoy what lies ahead.

Come along for an exciting mission. A mission that might be called *impossible*, for truly it is impossible in the natural, in the world. But it is possible in the kingdom which is supernatural. The things of which I write are simple, but require faith. It takes faith to come aboard on this journey, but the invitation is to “whosoever will, let him come to the fountain of Life and drink freely.”²²

That is not only the Lord’s invitation, but it is also mine, for I have discovered that fountain and learned the blessing of hearing rhema words of Life from the Master Himself.

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“Now, My son, do you see what putting Me first means? It means life to the dead, salvation to the lost, strength to the weary, hope to the hopeless, freedom to the imprisoned, deliverance to the captives, rewards to the faithful – rewards that will astound, astonish and reverberate through the annals of eternity for My glory.

¹⁹See Romans 12:3.

²⁰See Revelation 20:11-15.

²¹See 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10. This is the “bema” of Christ (Strong’s #968). There are at least seven “Judgements” listed in the Bible. These two are representative of all the *judgments*. The Great White Throne Judgment is for unsaved people while the Judgment Seat of Christ is a judgment of reward for believers who are raptured which occurs between the Rapture and the Second Coming.

²²See Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13; Joel 3:18; Revelation 22:17.

“To walk this walk with Me one must resolve to walk holy before Me without sin. This is not as impossible as some may think. It is possible or My Son would not have said it. When He told the man at the pool of Bethesda²³ to ‘Sin no more lest a worst thing come upon you,’ *He was speaking to every servant of Mine!*

“When you determine to walk before Me holy and without sin, this requires time. But if you will ask Me to teach and assist you, I will do so. This does not mean you will not make mistakes. It means you will learn from your mistakes. One definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results. When asked, I will assist you in this growth development *and your faith will be strengthened immeasurably.*”

In this process of growth unto trustworthiness by God, one must be able to control his tongue. Negative and positive words have a life of their own. One must learn to speak truth for his anointing to remain unbroken. In the event that rule is broken, confession and repentance will restore God’s favor and ministry may continue. Once the sin is confessed and repented of, the enemy may continue to remind you of the sin while God has no record of it. Therefore one must know the word of God and learn to use it as a spoken sword against such fiery darts in order to walk in victory.

Both *negative* and *positive* thoughts, when spoken, have the power to change lives forever. This is why scripture reveals that “Death and life are in the power of the tongue” and on the day of judgment *your spoken words will either justify or condemn you.*²⁴ One dedicated to God and consecrated to His service must be careful of his words. Bitter and sweet water, good and evil words must not come out of your spring, your mouth, lest God withdraw His anointing. Truth may not be adulterated.

A most interesting and at times exciting and fulfilled life awaits every servant of God who hungers and thirsts for righteousness, who is willing to pay the price of commitment and consecration²⁵ and await God’s pruning, discipline, purging and timing. One who so invests in God’s kingdom will reap exponential benefits now and throughout eternity.

²³Read the fifth chapter of John’s Gospel for the complete Bethesda pool story. See also a similar admonition in John 8:10, 11.

²⁴Proverbs 18:21(a); See also Matthew 12:36, 37.

²⁵Between commitment and consecration lie obedience, faithfulness and trustworthiness.