

(Apologies – TK&HK, today was missed last Sunday: we were out of town for Dominion Conference 2008 @ The Miracle Channel, Lethbridge {Theme: "The Mighty Hand of God"}, and forgot to take my laptop! Dominion Conference is held every year and culminates into July 1st, {Dominion of} Canada Day

'N' And Not Ashamed Part IV

"I was naked and you clothed me; in prison and sick, and you 'visited' (with) me; you cared for me; a "stranger", and you took me in"

In marriage, to be one indeed, to genuinely cleave to each other, there must be vulnerability in being 'naked' - in being open and authentic to each other.

What are the barriers to being naked? One of them must be the fear of being judged, of being further wounded, if not killed. (You probably have heard of the tragedy that believers are among those 'who shoot/kill their wounded'). There is the fear of putting the whole relationship at risk, if by attempting to be authentic, one spouse gets so disappointed, so hurt, so 'betrayed', that the devil can suggest ending the relationship. Who knows how many separations, divorces or unhappy marriages have resulted because of the attempt to be 'naked'?

It shall not be so anymore, in Jesus' name! Jesus says we should clothe the naked: may we receive grace and the spirit of obedience to CLOTHE our spouses when they, in a genuine attempt to obey the Lord and grow in oneness, get naked before us!

If hidden things, secrets, keep our spouse in prison, or make him or her sick and hence 'fall short of God's glory' in terms of flourishing in marriage, ministry, career etc, who is better to help liberate and care for him/her, than the spouse?

It will be an irony, if not hypocrisy, for us to be so charitable in clothing the naked among the poor, pray, care for and visit the (physical) prisoners and sick, and neglect to do same for the one we love most and have a covenant with, who is emotionally and spiritually in prison and sick with hidden, secret things ...

As the men confront this oneness and nakedness challenge this week (if you haven't done so yet), God bless the wives as they clothe, liberate and care for their husbands. Don't 'shout/kill' your 'wounded' husband'; don't endanger your relationship by an emotional reaction.

And from next week, the wives will begin to get 'naked' before their husbands ...

May God give us the grace and courage to take up this challenge, that we may be free indeed; that we may become the best that God has purposed to be: oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor; to put His Glory on display.

May the REST of your marriage and life be the BEST, in Jesus' name. Amen

Prophetic word: I am looking for, calling out to, they that would have the "Nathaniel" spirit, character – true followers of Jesus; believers indeed in whom there is no guile nor deceit nor falsehood nor duplicity ... says the Spirit of the Lord