

I. THE NECESSITY OF LIVING FROM GOD'S LOVE (INTIMACY)

住在神愛中(親密關係)的必須性

- A. God the Father does all things in love, including His creation and redemption of humanity and the mercies He gives us for every day life (Mat. 7:11; James 1:17; Eph. 1:3-14; Ps. 69:18). He *freely gives* His love to us which moves our hearts to love Him back (1 John 4:19; Rom. 5:5). The Church is His family on earth where He dwells in love (Mark 3:34; 6:9; Eph. 3:14-15; 1 Cor. 5:4; 6:19).

父神做所有事情都是以愛為出發點，包括祂的創造、對人類的救贖、與祂每天給我們的憐憫(太7:11；雅各1:17；弗1:3-14；詩69:18)。祂無保留的將祂的愛賜給我們，而這份愛也感動我們的心愛神(約壹4:19；羅5:5)。教會就是神在世上的家庭，而神以愛居於其中(可3:34；6:9；弗3:14-15；林前5:4；6:19)

*We love Him because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)*

19 我們愛，因為 神先愛我們。(約翰一書4:19)

*14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named... (Eph. 3:14-15)*

14 因此，我在父面前屈膝， 15 (天上地上的各(或譯：全)家，都是從他得名。)(以弗3:14-15)

- B. We should respond to God in love with *all of our heart* [desires], *soul* [mind, will, emotions], *mind* and *strength* [energies and resources] and to stay connected to His love in all we do (Mk. 12:30; 1 Cor. 13:1-3; John 15:9), because He loves us with all of His being and spared nothing for us.

我們要盡心(渴望)、盡性(心靈、意念、情感)、盡意、盡力(體能、資源)愛主—我們的神，並且在我們所做的一切，都是與神的愛連結的(可12:30，林前13:1-3；約15:9)。因為神以祂的全部愛我們，並沒有為自己留下任何一點不給我們的。

*'...And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' (Mk. 12:30)*

30 你要盡心、盡性、盡意、盡力愛主—你的 神。』(馬可12:30)

*As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. (John 15:9)*

9 我愛你們，正如父愛我一樣；你們要常在我的愛裡。(約翰15:9)

C. However, many believers live disconnected from God's love, being motivated by something else (Luke 10:41-42). Also, many of our church environments promote a busy, work-oriented culture that is not conducive to growing in love. This is a travesty as we have people who are busy in church "ministry" but five, ten, fifteen years later are still facing the same spiritual crisis. This means they have not encountered Jesus deeply or grown in grace. Instead they have served as a religious workforce still bound in some ways under the worldly system. Many are still struggling with:

但是許多的信徒從神的愛中疏離，並且是為其他的事物而活(路加10:41-42)。而且有很多的教會環境中，是鼓吹忙碌、事工導向的文化，但卻造成了沒有在愛中成長。這是一個很滑稽的狀況，因為我們看到有人在教會中的事工服事了5年、10年、15年，但是依然面對了相同的屬靈問題。這表示他們個人沒有與耶穌有深層親身的經歷，也尚未在恩典中成長。他們服事的方式，只是一種宗教性的工作團體，並且仍然以世界的方式在做工。有許多人有以下方面的掙扎：

1. Beliefs opposed to the knowledge of God internalized from their family, church and/or culture. When we live from these *lies*, we bring death to ourselves [burn-out, anger, abandonment, rejection, confusion, unnecessary loss, etc.] (Rom. 6:23; Col. 2:8; Eph. 2:2)

敵對神的信念，這是可能自幼從家庭、教會或者社會文化中，所內化的一些思想。當我們活在這些謊言裡的時候，我們將死亡帶給了自己(過勞、憤怒、離棄、被拒絕感、困惑、不必要的損失等等)。(羅6:23；歌羅西2:8；弗2:2)

2. Unaddressed generational strongholds that affect our emotional, physical, mental and chemical qualities of life. If there is a negative pattern for several generations, it is a generational stronghold.

尚未處理世代的屬靈營壘，會影響我們的情緒、生理、心靈、化學平衡等，在生命中的品質。如果歷代的家人都有類似的狀況，那就是世代性的屬靈營壘。

3. A background of abuse who as a children experienced concentrated evil and are still stuck in beliefs surrounding the trauma they originally suffered. (Mat. 18:6)

受虐的背景。這些孩子在幼年經歷了加倍力量的邪惡攻擊，並且一直活在那曾發生的創傷中，所產生出的各樣謊言裡。

D. Only communities that have prioritized living from the first commandment are prepared to lead others into maturity (love). Only love leads to love (Rom. 5:5; 1 John 4:19). We replicate in the kind we are (Gen. 1:11-12; 1 Cor 15:38-39). We sow what we reap (Gal. 6:7; 1 Cor. 15:35-49).

只有那些以第一誡命(愛神)為第一的社群，能夠帶領他人進入屬靈的成熟(愛中)。只有愛能夠領人進入愛中(羅5:5；約壹4:19)。我們複製是各從其類(創1:11-12；林前15:38-39)。我們也收割我們自己所種的(加拉太6:7；林前15:35-49)。

*... whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (Gal. 6:7)*

7 不要自欺， 神是輕慢不得的。人種的是甚麼，收的也是甚麼。(加拉太6:7)

- E. Only what is built upon the love of God will remain (Mat. 7:25-27; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 13:1-3, 13)

只有在神的愛裡建造的，才會永存。(太7:25-27；林前3:10-15；13:1-3，13)

*...each one's work will become clear... it will be revealed by fire... (1 Cor. 3:13)*

13 各人的工程必然顯露，因為那日子要將它表明出來，有火發現；這火要試驗各人的工程怎樣。(哥林多前書3:13)

- F. *Many times it takes intentionally slowing down our ministry to enter into the higher ministry of keeping our hearts before God.* This requires dialogue with Jesus to understand the areas of disagreement we may have with Him (SS 1:6; Prov. 4:23; Mk. 7:15; Rom. 12:1; Rev. 1:5-7; 5:10).

很多時候，我們必須要將自己的事工緩下腳步，才能在神面前，將我們的心與更高呼召的事工對齊。這需要我們常與耶穌對話，瞭解我們自己與神，哪裡有不符合祂心意的地方。

*Do not look upon me, because I am dark... my own vineyard [heart] I have not kept. (SS 1:6)*

不要因日頭把我曬黑了就輕看我。我同母的弟兄向我發怒，他們使我看守葡萄園；我自己的葡萄園卻沒有看守。(雅歌1:6)

*5...To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father (Rev. 1:5-6, NIV)*

5 並那誠實作見證的、從死裡首先復活、為世上君王元首的耶穌基督，有恩惠、平安歸與你們！他愛我們，用自己的血使我們脫離（有古卷：洗去）罪惡，6 又使我們成為國民，作他父 神的祭司。但願榮耀、權能歸給他，直到永永遠遠。阿們！（啟示錄1:5-6）

- G. God will also bring us into a *season of pruning* or *divine discipline*. In *pruning* (John 15:2), God removes distractions or hinderances to growth; In *divine discipline*, the Lord emphasizes the need to correct various deficiencies or blind spots in our love, humility, wisdom, zeal, or service, etc. (Heb. 12:5-7). As we respond rightly to the Lord in these situations, we grow in love and fruitfulness.

神也會將我們帶入一個「屬靈的修剪期」或者是「屬靈的操練」。在「修剪」（約翰15:2）的季節，神會將干擾與阻擾成長的事務移除；在「屬靈的操練」中，主強調不足與補強與修正的地方，又或是我們在愛、謙遜、智慧、熱心、服事中，未做到的盲點等（希伯來12:5-7）。當我們遇到這些狀況，並用正確的方式回應主的時候，我們就會在愛與信實中成長。

## II. AVENUES OF GRACE GOD IS RELEASING TO HIS BRIDE TO GROW IN LOVE (MATURITY)

神釋放給祂的新婦，能在愛中成熟的恩典管道

- B. *Bridal Paradigm*. When we see the extravagant love God has for weak and sincere believers, it empowers us to draw near to Him, knowing we can enjoy now our internal inheritance of His delight

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in us and our partnering with Him. (Isa. 62:4-5; SS 1:5; John 17:24; Eph. 5:32; Rev. 9:17-19; 22:17)

新婦典範：當我們看到神對那些軟弱卻真誠的信徒，施予豐盛的慈愛時，這樣的愛督促我們更被祂所吸引，因為我們知道我們可以享受祂喜悅我們為祂的家人與後嗣，並且與祂同工(賽62:4-5；雅歌1:5；約翰17:24；弗5:32，啟示錄9:17-19；22:17)

- C. Prayer: God is establishing ubiquitous sanctuaries of encounter fueled by the beauty of God on earth (Psalm 27:4; 1 Chr. 16:1, 4, 37; Isa. 56:7; Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:15-17; Isa. 42:10-13) as in heaven, bringing His Bride into maturity (Mat. 6:10; Psalm 29:9; Isa. 6:1; Mat. 5:48; Eph. 4:13; 5:26-27).

禱告：神正在全地建立祂的禱告殿，並且是因著瞻仰祂的榮美如在天，使這些禱告殿更能力上加力。(詩27:4；代上16:1，37；賽56:7；阿摩斯9:11-12；使徒15:15-17；賽42:10-13)因而使新婦能進入屬靈的成熟(太6:10；詩篇29:9；賽6:1；太5:48；弗4:13；5:26-27)。

- D. Authenticity in Church Culture: Leaders sharing weaknesses and struggles to demonstrate the grace of God. (2 Cor. 4:7-12; 12:1-10; Heb. 4:15; 12:2)

教會裡面真誠無偽的文化：領袖願意分享靠著神的恩典，所面臨的軟弱與掙扎。(林後4:7-12；12:1-10；希伯來4:15；12:2)

- E. Confession: A culture where people can confess sin, receive prayer and be restored. (James 5:16)

認罪：一個人們可以認罪的文化，並且可以領受禱告與被重建的地方(雅各5:16)。

- F. Community: A family with strong relationships that encourage growth and healing. (Gal. 6:1)

社群：一個有強壯關係的屬靈家庭，鼓勵彼此成長與得到醫治。(加拉太6:1)

- G. Inner Healing Prayer Ministries: Ministries that lead people to meet with Jesus to gain truth and grace in their lives. E.g., Sozo, Theophostic, Encounter Prayer Ministry. (Mat. 18:20; Isa. 61:1-3; John 8:32; 16:13; 1 Cor. 12:7-11; 14:1-3, 39)

內在醫治禱告的事工：帶領人遇見耶穌，使人得到真裡與恩典在他們生命裡的各樣事工。如：SoZo, Theophostic, 經歷神的禱告事工等(太18:20；賽61:1-3；約翰8:32；16:13；林前12:7-11；14:1-3，39)。

- H. The Prophetic Spirit: In this hour the Holy Spirit is pouring out the prophetic spirit on the Church to strengthen her in experiencing the heart of God in worship, preaching, inner healing, evangelism, etc... (1 Cor. 12:7-11; 14:1-3, 39; Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-18; Zech. 10:1)

先知性預言的恩賜：在這樣的時刻，聖靈正傾到出先知性啟示預言的靈在教會中，使新婦得力，並且在敬拜、講道、內在醫治、傳福音上都經歷神的心。(林前12:7-11；14:1-3；39；約珥2:28-32；使徒2:17-18；撒迦利亞10:1)

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- I. Overcomers: God is raising up a testimony in the Church of overcoming sin to inspire and educate the Body of Christ in radical obedience to Jesus (Rom 1:16-17; Rev. 3:21 (7x in Revelation 2-3); Dan. 11:32).

得勝者：神正在教會裡興起雲彩般的見證，就是那些已經戰勝罪惡的人，去影響與教導基督的肢體，願意不顧一切的順服耶穌(羅1:16-17；啟示錄3:21；「得勝」出現7次在啟示錄2-3章中)

- J. End Times Teaching: Provides the Church urgency to respond to God in this hour and hope in the power and plan of God during the unique dynamics of the great and terrible Day of the Lord. The big picture of God's work inspires us with the seemingly small contribution of our lives. (Jer. 23:20; Dan. 11:32; Mat. 25:10; Rev. 19:7)

末世的教導：提供教會能以「迫切的心情」回應神，尤在這樣的時刻，並且在此特殊動盪與主大而可畏的時期，能在神的大能與計畫中有盼望。神工作的大藍圖，都是靠著聖徒的生命，那一點一點看似渺小的擺上而成全的(耶利米23:20；但11:32；太25:10；啟示錄19:7)