

## **November/December 2011 ~ “God Still Speaks...”**

Over the past couple of years, God has chosen to speak to us through His word, our times in prayer, and just sitting quietly in His presence. In several instances, He spoke the same messages over and over again. This just shows to us His great love and care. Also, it reveals the grace that God so freely provides when we choose not to respond immediately.

### **Humility**

Andrew Murray’s book, *Humility*, was given to us several years ago. For a full year I began to soak in what God was saying on the subject of humility, which is one virtue that doesn’t come naturally for me! The opposite of humility is pride, and I must confess that there has been a struggle in my life to put off pride and allow humility to be my trusted companion. My heart realized that God wants me to become nothing, so that He can be my all in all. He wants to fill us up with Himself!

### **Say “YES” to God’s Will & Plan**

Realizing that God wants only His best for us, we must step out in faith trusting His plan for our lives. That plan will always be about Him and building the Kingdom of God. During our first year of marriage, we were told that we wouldn’t be able to have children. What a blow! We asked, “God how can this be Your best plan for us?” After grieving the loss, we moved to a place where we could say “yes” wholeheartedly to His plan for our lives. We say, “Yes”, no matter the cost. Help us Lord!

### **Live A Life Of Total Surrender**

Have you ever raised your arms in desperation as you chose to worship the Savior, not caring what others thought? This is a visible gesture of “surrender” to God, our Father. What a great place to be in—to be desperate for Him! Think about the child who raises its arms to its parent pleading to be picked up. We look the same way when we make the same request to our Heavenly Father, and we can be confident that He doesn’t just leave us hanging!

### **Choose To Believe Me**

The very words of God are contained in the Holy Bible. What a thought! He doesn’t want us to guess our way through this Christian journey. The challenge for all believers is to make a conscious choice to believe what He has said and to live our lives with confidence that He means what He said.

### **Obey Me Immediately**

Many times I have been prompted in my spirit to call a friend, e-mail an encouraging word, pay a quick visit, and make a meal. My answer to the many promptings has been, “Later...I’ll do it later.” God is asking us to develop a habit of obeying Him when He calls the first time.

### **Don’t Be Afraid...Just Trust Me**

Fear is very interesting, and many times it paralyzes us and keeps us from taking necessary risks. God wants us to assassinate fear and completely trust Him, because He promises to be with us!

### **Get Ready & Stay Ready**

God is calling each one of us. Are you physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually ready to answer “the call?” The Holy Spirit is dependable to point out those areas in our lives that need some adjusting. Purpose in your heart to be in a position to always be ready to respond in the affirmative to His call.

### **Live A Congruent Life (Beliefs & Behaviors In Sync)**

Congruent means equal or the same. What I say, what I think, what I believe...that I also do...and they are married! Our lives are evidence that Jesus came, died and was resurrected. Live out a transformed life.

**Love God...Love People**

*Jesus made it very plain for us, when it comes to living a holy life that is pleasing to God. First, love God. Second, love people. Some people may be more difficult to love than others. We can't love in our own strength, so stop trying! Allow Jesus to love through you.*

**Stop Living As If This Is All There Is—There's More...MUCH MORE!!!**

*M-E-D-I-O-C-R-I-T-Y robs us of all that God has for us. Refuse to live a mediocre and casual Christian life that doesn't seem to matter. People are dying every day and going to Hell without knowing the Lord. Daily, live your life with great desire for more of Him—this is the way to experience the “much more” He has planned for us!*