
Praise be to God Most High! Our brother Colt is alive!

Ryan.

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From: **Colt C.** <colton.chapman@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: Ref: Sermon

To: Ryan Ringnald <ryan.w.ringnald@gmail.com>

Praise be to God, Ryan. Please share anything I've shared with you with the brethren, as you see fit. As I was studying 2 Timothy today I was taken aback by the life in its contents. Fresh air! The breath of life! How wonderful to hear God speaking to me once again! A light shines!

I am reminded of our last meeting in these words:

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

How I yearn to please Him who hath chosen me to be a soldier, Amen! I thank God for you all and continually lift you all in prayer!

Updates to come.

In Christ,
Colt

On Nov 6, 2014 5:20 PM, "Ryan Ringnald" <ryan.w.ringnald@gmail.com> wrote:

Blessed update brother Colt, praise to the Lord Jesus Christ! I am thankful. I was also blessed by your last e-mail, including the dreams. I will share the update with the other elders, if you don't mind. Keep on believing, friend, the Lord is with you, while you be with Him (2 Ch. 15:2). If you are growing faint and weary, do what you did last night, communicate with us, God will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish (Pr. 10:3)! However, that promise does not negate the using of the means that have already been ordained of God in order to see the promise fulfilled. One of those is exhorting one another daily lest any man be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:12-13). Thus, though you are not with us in person, yet in heart you are with us I believe, and if our hearts be with our Lord Jesus Christ, that is a good place to be! Communicate and the Lord will not let you faint, though you be tested sore! You are in our prayers and our hearts, and our homes are ever opened unto you and yours. May the Lord grant you grace to purge the land, as King Josiah, and bring your family into subjection to God! We are with you, and our prayers will continue toward your dear wife. May the Lord help her and give her light and a humble heart to hear you!

Your sincerest servant,
Ryan.

On Thu, Nov 6, 2014 at 4:10 PM, Colt C. <colton.chapman@gmail.com> wrote:

Update: After deep searching, prayer and reflection, I opted not to go to Odessa. I opted instead to get my house in order, slashing 'idols,' and preparing hearts. I spoke to William, last night, at length. He shared with me 1 Timothy 6. That chapter was confirmation and encouragement that I had, in fact, heard the Word of the Lord. The Spirit provisioned courage in this weak man. Amen! Thank you all for your prayers. Lord willing, see you again soon.

On Nov 5, 2014 9:31 AM, "Colt C." <colton.chapman@gmail.com> wrote:

Ryan,

I hope and pray all is well with you and yours. I pray the saints in Wells are strong and of good cheer. My love to you all.

I'm sure William already gave you an update but, I wanted to let you know that my wife had a bit of fellowship via cellphone with Holly. They spoke for almost three hours and I believe, after speaking with my wife, that

the hand of God was evident in their speaking and the content therein. Sarah has been in a sober and contemplative mood since the conclusion of their conversation. Now, we wait and see what the Lord has in store.

Regarding this season: I have failed. I have failed to hear, I have failed to see. My pride, my sin, has leveled me deaf to the call of God. No, I'm worse than that. He calls me and I ignore His calling. May He force me to the ground. May He scourge the pride from my bones. May He humble me utterly. I'm scared. But, my fear is not fear of the Lord. Fear, rather, of losing my place. Fear of financially failing my family, fear that is misplaced, I know. I'm a coward.

These past two nights I've had two dreams pertaining to the saints of Wells. The first, I found myself sleeping amidst the brethren in a large cold warehouse lit by candles. The brethren lay close and huddled for warmth. We were starving and dirty but unaffected, even peaceful. My wife joined us at a later time in my dream... She huddled with us all and we slept. The second dream I saw you, Sean, and Jacob. Younger, less refined. I watched you all evangelize over the course of several years. Traveling, meeting with people, searching for Godly wives, making mistakes, learning from each other and growing wiser in the Lord. At the end of the dream you all had transformed from unsure to sure footed.

I just don't know what to do, my friend. I just don't know what to do.

Your friend,
Colton

Thank you, Ryan. The Lord's love for my family is evident as He is moving in amazing ways, unforeseen ways, glorious ways. I believe Sarah is beginning to indicate her willingness to speak with some of the women of the Church. I will let you know when there is a breakthrough. Thank you for the sermons. I find them to speak to me, my thoughts, our struggle.

In Christ,
Colton

On Oct 30, 2014 3:58 AM, "Ryan Ringnald" <ryan.w.ringnald@gmail.com> wrote:
Colt,

I was mightily encouraged by your message, thank you friend. I love you too, God knows! I do not have time to write a long message, but suffice to say, we are praying for you! Indeed, there was much grace to pray for you after you sent the message you did to William this morning. If ever you are enabled to send more updates, please do. IT HELPS us pray with understanding and stay with you in heart. Truly Colt, more are with you than with the enemy, though the Lord is trying you and though there seems to be no immediate overwhelming breakthrough, He will come! He is able! Remember Psalm 147:4-5, "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground." The meek are, according to Psalm 37 and elsewhere, those that wait on the Lord to save them. They do not turn to the arm of the flesh, and they do not let Him go except He bless them, thus He "lifteth up the meek..." - like Moses when his older brother and sister were coming against his God-given authority, he, being the meekest man on the face of the earth, appealed to the God that gave him that authority, to seal it and protect it. Safe to say, the Lord came down in power and set things straight (see Num. 12). This is why David says, God "who subdueth my people under me (Ps. 18, Ps. 144:2)." He does not dare attempt to consolidate his own power, but trust the Lord to do it, Who is more than able. God moved in your wife, dear friend, when you first arrived back because you had an eye Godward. I don't know how much He moved, but may the Lord keep your eye there, on the Throne of grace, hands lifted up without wrath and doubting, and I doubt not that the King will do great things (see Heb. 4:14-16) - let us not limit the holy One of Israel (Ps. 78). Finally, remember Peter's exhortation to "resist the devil steadfast in the faith". Faith in what? In the Son of God, Who is greater than He that is in the world and is able, by the finger of God, to drive Satan back and deliver your family from all darkness and Satanic entanglement, to serve the Lord our God in the beauty of holiness, and the liberty of righteousness evermore! Thus, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Here is a sermon that is on my heart for you, may the Lord bless you thereby. I am thankful for you, Colt, and burdened in the Spirit. I praise God for what He is doing in you. It would be a privilege to fight the battles of God by your side.

Yours in Christ Jesus the King,
Ryan Ringnald



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