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# New Name Ministries



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## Rounding the Corner

### Culture of Honor

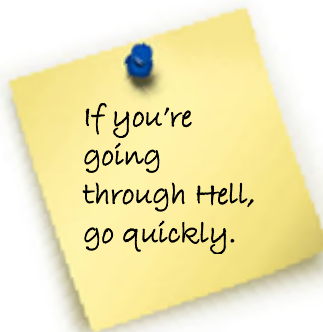
There is no dishonor in the Kingdom of God. The one time it happened, the disobedient and rebellious beings that God created to uphold the glory of the Kingdom were not only removed from their God ordained positions, but expelled permanently. God, choosing not to miss an opportunity to use evil for good, allowed these fallen beings to have a season on earth. In time, all the tares among the wheat will be exposed and then disposed. God never wanted to see His creation removed from His grace and glory. Spoiled by self-righteousness and arrogant (errant) thinking,  
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### Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

Gilbert Gonzales, Jun 17, 2014  
Jason Ewing, Jun 19, 2014  
John King, Jul 23, 2014  
Sammy Bryan, Jul 31, 2014  
Randy Cody, Aug 1, 2014  
Freddie Lee Clark, Aug 27, 2014

### Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:

Kirby Anderson Jul 20, 2014  
Danny Nellessen Aug 17, 2014



It has been an amazing year so far at New Name. We've expanded to another property, we are in our second year of a more structured curriculum, and we are about to launch a rebranding of our ministry focus. In preparing for this rebranding, Pastor Jon and Chuck have been rewriting our presentation of the New Name model and how it works. During this time, we've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has

### From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

"There are a lot of people around who can't wait to tell you what you've done wrong, but there aren't many fathers willing to take the time and effort to help you grow up. It was as Jesus helped me proclaim God's Message to you that I became your father."  
(1 Cor. 4:15 The Message)

I have typically paraphrased this portion of scripture emphasizing the abundance of teachers and lack of spiritual Fathers. As I pondered the difference between teachers and fathers I realized that Godly teachers contribute knowledge, whereas Godly fathers are devoted to application of that knowledge for understanding so as to acquire and maintain an abundant life.

So often we see men come to the ministry highly trained in the Word, though lacking education in application of that Word to their life. Trusting their knowledge of the Word, they miss the intent of God's Word; healthy, vibrant relationships. God has placed others in our lives to bring the Truth into focus about ourselves, life, others and obviously, Him. Folks usually agree with this point, yet fail to recognize the challenges. The first challenge is all that we know is based on our experience. This compounds our next challenge; most of our experience is not grounded in faith (trust), but in our flesh.

brought us in order to serve men who are precious to His heart. Our ministry goals have become clearer and our level of excitement about the future grows. As we round the corner toward the end of another year, we are looking forward to developing our own training videos and audio/visual teachings for the men. We can see much of the vision God laid before us years ago coming to fruition. See that the Lord is good!

When we come to uncharted territory, especially in areas that frighten us, we try to fit current circumstances in to former experiences. Often we end up frustrated and confused when our expectations fall short of the results. Not realizing that we are filtering life through a distorted lens, we try to find someone, or something, to blame for our lack of results or poor choices.

Meanwhile, the eyes of our Heavenly Father watch, waiting for an opportunity to lead us to those who are willing to speak Life into our life and over our circumstances. These words of life come through others who the Father has entrusted to re-present His love and care, plans and purpose. The problem we encounter is we don't trust others so we can't hear our Father. Desperate for understanding, we run to those wearing the same lens as ourselves, expecting insight through knowledge rather than revelation through right relationship.

Knowledge can be compared to the cover of a book. It might portray part of what's inside, but it fall's way short of telling the whole story. Reading the book is like developing a relationship. It takes an investment of time in the process. Skimming (to save time) a book yields a surface understanding, gaining a sense of the substance without actually

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**Lessons From Left Field**  
By Chuck Bittrick

**Pulling Down Strongholds**

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:4-5 KJV)

This is probably one of our favorite weapons we use when dealing with spiritual warfare. The problem is, no matter how well trained we are in using this weapon, if we are not also well educated, we will find ourselves marching around screaming at demons while they laugh in our face. The power we have is powerless until we understand who we are in Christ and how, and when, to use His power.

Let’s first look at the phrase above, “every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God.” Who was the first “high thing” who exalted himself? It was Satan. When Gen. 3:15 states that Eve’s offspring will crush the serpent’s head with his heel, we usually understand this to be Jesus. However, He is not alone in the serpent crushing business. Jesus gave us this same authority in Luke 10:19.

So, why is it we need weapons to “pull down” strongholds? Somehow, we let them up out from under our feet. This can happen through distraction, deception, and any other way we allow ourselves to find agreement with the enemy.

When we enter into the realm of spiritual warfare, we need to understand our starting point: who we are. We are demon-stomping children of the Almighty God authorized to overcome the enemy by His Son. As a Christian, our starting point is with our feet firmly planted on the enemy’s head. We have the authority, not the enemy. It is our purpose to mess with him. Now let’s go out and do some demon stomping.

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understanding and being able to make full application. It yields essence as opposed to essentials. I once heard of a couple getting married and after the honeymoon the wife discovering that her “partner for life” didn’t want children. The relationship lens they used acknowledged their love for one another (skimming), while failing to address a core issue.

Returning to 1 Corinthians 4:15 out of the Message Bible stated above I would like to focus on how the Father

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those that chose to believe the lie of being equal to or knowing better than God, essentially cast themselves out of the Kingdom of God and into unfathomable deprivation forever.



Prior to salvation, we too suffered from our own self-righteousness and arrogant thinking, finding ourselves in a prison of our own making, unable to pay the cost of our chosen sin. Thank God for His Son, our Savior, our redeemer and hope of glory. Christ came from Heaven to earth to show the way through dying to self and loving (honoring) others. Not because the others honored Him first, but because He chose to honor (love) others just as He saw His Heavenly Father do. In a culture of honor, we love (honor) first because that’s how our Heavenly Father does it. Jesus lived an honorable life out of love for His, our, Father. He did this through obedience to the Father; we do it out of obedience (honor – love) to Christ. Jesus is the hope of Glory in us that needs to come out, honorably.

One of the dynamics that is important to understand about those coming out of prison is that they’ve inherently been institutionalized to some degree. Prison culture is basically a perverted form of

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takes the time needed to help us grow. We all have more growing to do. It will take time and other people to help us grow. We might be smarter than computers, but even if we get a download from God, we still need to learn the program before we can run it. Taking the time to do what’s essential is our choice but His desire. I hope you’ll choose to trust your Father in Heaven and give Him the TIME (**This I Must Endure**) to work through others so you can hear and receive His whole message and blessing.

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Kingdom culture. There is an honor code and order to the chaos behind those walls– but it is cloaked in darkness, full of the flesh, and fear of man is the primary motivating factor. The closest thing you’ll find to being your brother’s keeper inside is known as a snitch. Wardens are considered judgmental and hard to please gods and the guards their ears and eyes. No one is to be trusted.

**Good News!**

***There is no perversion without first having the right version to pervert!***

The working out of our salvation is a life time process involving more than we can imagine or comprehend without help from others and the Holy Spirit. The biggest issues usually involve trust, unforgiveness, bitter root judgments and often generational curses. By creating a safe environment for men to risk failing and making mistakes, they can explore the application of what they know about the word of God and see how it fits in to their new life. In a culture of honor people are not honored so much for whom they are, but for whom they’re becoming and called to be. They are challenged to let their greatness out and to stop believing any lies that have held them back. The truth sets people free so that they can truly delight themselves in the Lord, and so He can in turn give them the desires of their (right) heart.

**As always...**

We appreciate your continued prayers and financial encouragement for this ministry. Our current needs include financial support for administrative staff and gainful employment for our men and \$1900 to buy storage pod.