

Small Obediences

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To those of us who love Jesus, obedience to what the Holy Spirit tells us is of highest priority, it is not a burden, it is a joy. We long to be obedient servants of our King. I don't think the Lord minds a bit however, if we have an honest question in our hearts concerning what He may ask us to do. It seems many times, when I feel I am unable to do one more thing, God asks for more. But as always, I have found that to obey Him in the smallest of things, is to reap huge rewards. So it was at the end of 2008, as I was sensing the Lord leading our ministry to have more prayer times. Those of you who may not know, prayer is and always has been the foundation upon which this ministry is built. I say this ministry, because we do not look at Rivers in the Desert as "ours." It was altogether the Lord's idea and therefore, it is totally His ministry, and He is free to change it however and whenever He sees fit. Our duty is to simply implement what we believe He is speaking to our hearts.

Well, although I was hearing from heaven, I did not know how it would work to have yet "another" ministry meeting. We were led by the Holy Spirit to have a Wednesday prayer meeting for ladies only, beginning in January of 2009. It was a small obedience. However, it has reaped and is reaping huge rewards. So many answers to prayer have come in, almost weekly. The group is small, but those who are praying, God is changing them, meeting with them weekly. It is a blessed time. God, the Holy Spirit is revealing week after week what to pray. We have been praying with all diligence as a core group of believers, for the Body of Christ in ways I'd never dreamed possible. We have been praying for marriages, praying for children, grandchildren, great grand-

children, missionaries, pastors, ministers and ministries. We have been praying also concerning those in authority over us such as Congress, Court, various bills and demand our prayer. The Holy Spirit has been very precise in the way He has led. the President, Senate, Supreme Governors and proposals that attention in Holy Spirit has precise in the His revelations and leadings have been quite phenomenal. What I love the most is how, after you have prayed, as led by the Lord, He has a way of confirming it so beautifully through, either someone at church, a friend, or a phone conversation, and yes, even the news at times. Someone said, "history belongs to the intercessors," I believe this with all my heart. I see it. It is in the place of intercession that one can and does decree and declare the Word of the Lord and what is to happen in the realm of the spirit. We speak it by the Spirit and He brings things into the natural realm. Prayer is a glorious thing. Prayer can make history for our nation and our own personal lives. The Word of God tells us to "pray without ceasing." Are you praying this way? Are you a history maker?

History Belongs To The Intercessors

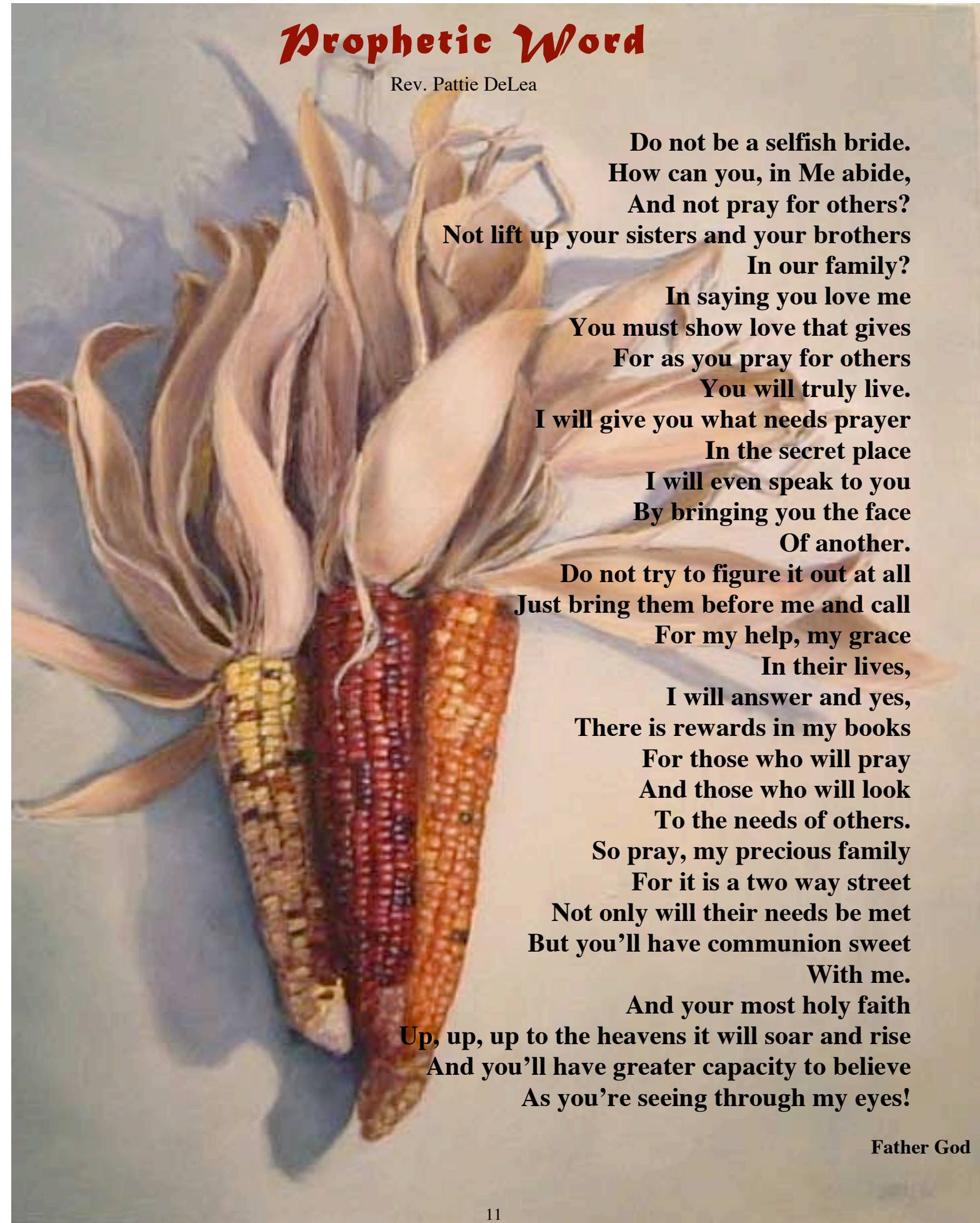
Another example of "small obedience" reaping huge reward is when we embarked upon teaching the Song of Solomon. We thought it would take maybe a year. God allowed us to think purposes. At this approaching the end year. It is hard to eight chapter book taking so many what a blessing it is. transforming our it is spilling over areas. He has taught us how to teach completely differently than we did previously, how to rest in Him more, how to allow His grace to flow without anxiety, and so much more. We would never have guessed how this "small obedience" would have paid such high dividends.

Are You A History Maker?

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Prophetic Word

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Do not be a selfish bride.
How can you, in Me abide,
And not pray for others?
Not lift up your sisters and your brothers
In our family?

In saying you love me
You must show love that gives
For as you pray for others
You will truly live.
I will give you what needs prayer
In the secret place
I will even speak to you
By bringing you the face
Of another.

Do not try to figure it out at all
Just bring them before me and call
For my help, my grace
In their lives,
I will answer and yes,
There is rewards in my books
For those who will pray
And those who will look
To the needs of others.

So pray, my precious family
For it is a two way street
Not only will their needs be met
But you'll have communion sweet
With me.

And your most holy faith
Up, up, up to the heavens it will soar and rise
And you'll have greater capacity to believe
As you're seeing through my eyes!

Father God