

The Dirt Road Experience

One day I had vehicle trouble and took my car to the auto repair shop.

The shop was dark and dingy looking.

The mechanic was busy and I sat in a chair.

A little boy, about eight no older than ten, with black sweat pants and black sweat shirt came into the shop and hopped on my lap.

He was a very happy child. (His eyes, his smile and especially in his heart.)

He was happy to see me. He twisted in my lap and played for a little while. Until I got a whiff of his smell. He was dirty and his clothes smelly.

I finally put him out of my lap. He ran around the back of the chair and disappeared out of the auto repair shop.

He was still happy. Still smiling.

As I continued to sit, a tiny little girl about the age of two wandered into the auto repair shop. She had on a dirty off whitish coat and a pair of pinkish sweat pants. Her hair was pulled on top of her head in a pouf.

She was beautiful. She had a smile that radiated from deep in her spirit. She saw me and was very happy to see me. She ran and jumped onto my lap. She twisted and turned and was in my face. She, like the little boy, was dirty and smelly. I tried to put her out of my lap several times. But she would hop back.

Unlike the little boy she didn't want to give me up. Turn me loose.

After a little while, once again I put her out of my lap, she walked to the door of the body shop and walked out the door. I sat and watched her stand in the door.

The auto mechanic was standing in the corner, behind his desk.

Once the little girl walked out of the repair shop, I stood up and walked to the door and looking after this little baby girl, I said to the auto mechanic, "Where's her mother? Where are her parents? Where does she live? Where is she going? Where is her house?"

I was asking these questions of the auto mechanic, as I stood and watched this beautiful little baby girl began her walk down the dirt road.

She did not turn and look back at me.

She was walking with her destination in mind.

The auto mechanic said "They have no parents, no mothers. They live on the streets. I used to live on the streets, but I was able to grow up."

I turned from the mechanic and continued watching the beautiful little baby girl, as she walked alone down the dirt road.

The grass next to the dirt road was taller than she.

I saw something dangerous moving through the grass that could have over taken her.

I looked at the sky; a dark gray cloud had formed. Lightning, began to strike in the air.

But the beautiful little baby girl, not looking back at the auto repair shop, continued her journey down the dirt road.

I then felt bad.

A black T-model Ford car, with passengers drove up next to the beautiful little girl baby girl.

Someone in the car said something to the beautiful little baby girl.

She turned sideways and I could see that beautiful radiant smile.

She walked to the car and was pulled inside.

I ran out of the auto repair shop, with all my might.

I ran after the car.

Each turn, each stop I ran.

Yelling for the car to stop and for the beautiful little baby girl to be released.

I ran until I finally got to a house and saw the beautiful little baby girl tip toeing to reach the doorknob.

I was standing in the street exhausted from chasing the black T-model Ford car. I did not see the car.

I don't remember how the two of us got to the same house at the same time.

The street had houses on it.

The house the beautiful little baby girl was at was white and a two story. I saw her reaching for the

I started in the yard, to help her.

I heard a very stern "No".

I stopped.

The beautiful little baby girl finally opened the door with her right hand.

I saw JESUS the Christ standing inside at her door.

As she was closing her door she looked under her right arm at me.

She knew.

She knew I was running and chasing after her, from the first day at the auto repair shop.

I was shocked.

She looked out at me with a smile. But not the smile nor joy nor happiness I saw at the auto shop.

As her was closing her door, JESUS the Christ looked out her house at me. He had a slight smile on His face. But His eyes were searching and scolding and judging.

I fell on my face and cried out in much pain.

I cried out to JESUS for Him to forgive me.

I cried out for the beautiful little baby girl to forgive me.

I felt condemned.

JESUS said "She was not to come home as a child, but a grown adult."

The door closed.

The beauty of this prophecy is JESUS said "... suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven."

"The least you do to one of these you do it unto me."

"Whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But who shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it was better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Through this prophecy JESUS the Christ shows us that we all come to the auto repair shop.

The little boy KNEW to come to the auto repair shop.

They knew wherever GOD'S people are they would be loved, welcomed, feed and safe, regardless of how they looked or smelled.

The fact they were children in the prophecy refers to Matthew 18:3-4 "...verily I say unto. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the heaven of heaven."

Verse 4 "...Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

The children in the prophecy are actually born again believers who have received salvation through JESUS.

The beautiful little baby girl and little boy were so happy to be around GOD'S person (me).

They were had joy in their souls and it reflected out through their eyes and smiles.

They did not want to go away from GOD'S person.

They wanted to stay in my presence and sit on my lap.

They were happy.

I rejected them.

I rejected them, after I smelled them and saw their dirty faces, hair and clothes.

I put them away from me.

Both the beautiful little baby girl and the little boy tried jumping onto my lap several times, they were so happy to see me and so happy to be with me.

The LORD GOD first sent the little boy. I put him off my lap for the last time, he disappeared. As he

road and ran out the auto repair shop.

I still could see his beautiful radiant smile.

He was not dismayed by my rejection.

I thought, "Where did he go?"

GOD, gave me a second chance.

GOD sent the beautiful little baby girl.

The beautiful little baby girl did not allow my rejection of her to destroy her spirit.

She walked to the door, stood on the door's threshold and looked out. She looked up and down the road.

She started her journey down the dirt road.

Her heart was fixed.

She knew she had to get home to JESUS.

Not looking back at me, both she and the little boy continued their individual journey on the dirt road experience.

JESUS gave Peter a vision of all manner of unclean beasts.

ACTS 10:11-28

28 "... but GOD hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean."

JESUS was teaching me those He saved are saved. I am not to make a difference in saved or redeemed people.

JESUS the CHRIST is He who saves people from all cultures and societies and many of the beliefs, values or customs of those "new babes" in Christ are not agreeable with our customs (as Peter well demonstrates in ACTS 10:1-28).

JESUS the Christ is LORD.

He looks at the person's heart when HE saves him.

JESUS willingly gave up HIS life on a cross, so we can live eternally with HIM and the Father. Therefore, HE wants to be pleased with our lives and HE wants to have joy when HE sees us, because we have

loved one another and kept HIS commandments.

We all have some Peter in us.

But to make heaven our eternal reward we must let self and flesh die daily so we can humble ourselves before GOD.

GOD is life eternal.

The beautiful little baby girl started her earthly walk (the dirt road experience) in JESUS.

She was just a little baby girl.

But she was determined to get home to JESUS.

The dirt road experience had much danger.

Dangers were sent to the dirt road (the gray thunder clouds, the lightning and the approaching danger in the high grass). The purpose of the dangers were to cause the beautiful little baby girl to be fearful and stop her walk, but she loved JESUS more than anything and she was going to get home to HIM.

The beautiful little baby girl walked alone.

Rejected by me, a person of GOD, one who knew GOD and one who knew how to from hear and follow GOD' s instructions.

I did not want to accept the person, because of their outward appearance.

The first person the beautiful little baby girl saw on the dirt road was kind and offered her a ride, stating they knew JESUS and were traveling the same dirt road.

She was not rejected.

The beautiful little baby girl was extremely over joyed and not being taught jumped in the car. She did not know there was a very hugh difference in walking the dirt road and riding in a vehicle on the dirt road.

JESUS never told us to ride this journey but to walk the dirt road and if our feet would get dirty then HE would wash our feet.

JOHN 13:5-20

Verse 10 " JESUS said to him he that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet is clean every whit

and ye are clean, but not all."

Verse 14 "... if I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

If we are using a vehicle, that our feet are not touching the dirt road (earthly walk). It means first we are disobedient to JESUS because HE said for us to walk.

The walk on the dirt road teaches us to know JESUS as HE walked the earth. (Take up our cross and follow JESUS, Matthew 16:24) the walk on the dirt road we meet people (not so if we are in a vehicle) we have a chance to witness for JESUS. We can see the person and the person can see us, We become a point of earthly contact to represent GOD to us.

He said to Philip in JOHN 14:9

"... Have I been so long time with you, and yet hasn't thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

Verse 12 "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father."

The dirt road walk gives us the right to grow and develop into JESUS the Christ. Psalm 37: 23 states the "... footsteps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord..."

Our growth into the image of JESUS comes, when satan sends dangers on our dirt road to try our faith.

We put GOD'S words in our mouths and speak life to our walk as we fast, pray and study GOD'S word.

The Holy Ghost teaches us, leads us and guides us into all truth of the weapons of our warfare.

The Holy Ghost teaches us that no name is greater than the name of JESUS.

HE teaches us as we die to self, our flesh is destroyed, which is enmity with GOD. Once the flesh (our selfishness in thoughts, words and deeds) are brought down then the light of the word of GOD HE

placed in us will break forth in our hearts as the "day star" (2 Peter 1:19). The light of the "day star"

will light our dirt road and guide us into the perfect will of GOD.

Growth and development on the dirt road is essential to the earthly walk that will lead us to our heavenly home.

The dirt road reminds us, as humans our flesh holds us back from the greatness GOD has for us

through our Lord and Savior JESUS the Christ.

As we walk the dirt road of salvation, JESUS said our feet will get dirty until our flesh is crucified, we will be tempted by sin. But as we are tempted, JESUS has made a way of escape from the temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).

As we walk the dirt road, we learn to trust JESUS and grow. We learn HIM as our deliverer. Our teacher. Our strengthener. Our hope. Our peace.

We learn HE is worthy to believe and trust.

On the dirt road of our earthly walk, when the mouths of our enemies and adversaries are opened against us saying all manner of evil setting on fire the course of hell (James 3:6), JESUS teaches us HE has given us the power of "life and death in our tongues", Proverbs 18:21.

HE teaches us to pray as Daniel did in the lions' den (Daniel 6:22 and Hebrews 11:33) to shut the mouths of the wicked.

When we are on the dirt road we learn who GOD is through HIS word, as the Holy Ghost shed the light of understanding on the word.

We learn GOD is very patient and long suffering with us.

HE gives us opportunities to repent of our sins.

HE allows us to know HIM as a GOD of forgiveness.

REPENT.

Move on down the dirt road.

In a vehicle, you do not get your feet dirty.

In a vehicle you do not stumble.

In a vehicle you do not need JESUS to wash your feet.

JESUS said in JOHN 13:8 "...if I wash thee not; thou hast no part with me."

As we continue down the dirt road, we are many times attacked by the enemy in the high grass; the lightning in the sky and the dark gray clouds.

The enemy in the tall grass likes to hide to catch the "babes in Christ " off guard, he uses fear to deter our walk on the dirt road. But 2 Timothy 1:7 states " For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of

have passed away behold, all things have become new. "

JESUS let us know in Romans 8:1 "... no condemnation to them which are in Christ JESUS, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

JESUS has made every provision for our walk on the dirt road.

HE is an advocate for us.

HE is our high priest.

HE is our righteousness.

HE is the glory and the lifter of our head.

HE is our strengthener. JESUS gives us strength to continue on the dirt road.

HE is our encourager. HE lets us know when we fall or stumble that HE is "... the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by him."

HE is our bread of life. HIS body was broken for us that the new testament in HIS blood would give us all things in HIM.

HE is GOD'S perfect sacrifice.

JESUS wants us to walk the dirt road as HE did.

Walking the dirt road, you allow GOD to help you decrease and JESUS increase in your life. Your life is an open love letter from GOD, and the people who sit in darkness see this truly loving and kind GOD molding us into the image of HIS Son.

GOD allows us to sit at JESUS' feet and be taught by HIM, so we can understand what weapons to use on the dirt road when the devil attacks.

If you are riding in a vehicle, it is a man made form of transportation on the dirt road (which represent salvation by JESUS the Christ). The man made form of transportation represent an artificial journey. It is deceptive because it is on the same dirt road, but it is disobedient because JESUS is a walk whereby the sins, obstacles and devices of the devil would try to stop us from dying to self daily. GOD created the dirt road walk because it was the only way to show earthly man how to walk after the spirit and not after the flesh. It was to show man that in this earthly life until the flesh dies we will be

attacked by the devil.

We are new creatures in CHRIST JESUS.

Satan can not go before the throne of GOD and accuse us anymore of our sins because JESUS' blood has been shed and our sins have forever been washed away.

When temptations come against us, as we are walking on our dirt road, we have the assurance that JESUS has already made provisions for our journey. The scripture 1 Corinthians 10:13 states "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

When we are attacked by temptations we always pray to GOD, in JESUS' name, for our way of escape. GOD will send us our way of escape.

All of these attacks of our flesh become our works as we yield to GOD, JESUS and the HOLY GHOST to show us the provision JESUS placed on our dirt road for our victory. When we accept the provision of prayer, fasting and studying GOD'S the HOLY GHOST will help us to lay aside the flesh and this causes us attack of the us to overcome the attack on our flesh and grow more into the spirit of GOD.

This is part of the "greater works"

JESUS said in John 14:12 "Verily, Verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works shall he do because I go unto my Father."

We know JESUS was the WORD of GOD clothed in flesh and sent to the earth. The scripture states in John 1: 14 "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." JESUS did the reverse. HE was spirit and became flesh but HIS spirit did not submit to HIS earthly flesh (because the earthly flesh is only a temporary abode for the our heavenly spirit).

As we die to flesh (on our dirt roads) we are letting our spirits become one with JESUS, wanting to do the will of GOD our Father. The dying of our flesh daily causes us to do the "works" JESUS stated and greater works.

The greater works can only be done in the spirit, not flesh.

JESUS is the second Adam, a quickening spirit, 1 Corinthians 15:45. Which means HE makes alive, HE

grants us the right to be transformed into HIS image as we let the flesh die daily and follow HIM on the dirt road.

Those who chose to ride in a vehicle, which represents man made organizations, will not experience the growth GOD created for them on the dirt road.

GOD created each of our dirt road experience to include all those traits HE placed within each of us. The traits that make us unique, GOD incorporated those traits in our dirt road walk. Your smile, your way of making people feel comfortable, bringing out the good in others, telling a funny story or speaking the truth and standing firm on the truth and integrity, or bringing another person's spirit out of sadness or burdens or loneliness.

Riding in a vehicle one does not allow GOD to add power, strength, grace and glory to those traits for the traits to grow, which causes you to do even greater works for JESUS.

JESUS has provided provision for our journey on our dirt road. The book of Deuteronomy 31:6 states "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them for the LORD thy GOD, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

The scripture further states in Hebrews 13:5 "... for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

JESUS has journeyed our dirt road, HE knew everything we needed and HE placed all provision along the way, as we encounter the devil on our dirt road experience, JESUS reminds us who HE is and HE has

destroyed all works of the devil. Through JESUS' death and resurrection the scripture states in 1

Corinthians 15:55-57, verse 55: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Verse 56: "

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. Verse 57: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The lightning flashes and sometimes strike, the rumbling thunder that shake you or the snakes, lions and dangers of the tall grass, JESUS has given us HIS peace, strength and grace to withstand all the fiery darts of the enemy. GOD tells us in Ephesians 6:10-20: 10: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and the power of his might." Verse 11: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you maybe able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Verse 12: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,"

The dirt road experience is an amazing story of JESUS' love for us. HE first walked that dirt road, before HE started HIS ministry. HE was in a desert place for forty days and forty nights. HE fasted and submitted HIMSELF to the Holy Ghost. Satan came to tempt JESUS three times, but JESUS met the temptations with the word of GOD.

JESUS has made the provision for us to use the Word of GOD.

JESUS demonstrated very clearly to HIS disciples HE would never leave them nor forsake them on the dirt road, The story that JESUS sent HIS disciples across the water while HE sent the people away. A terrible storm came against the disciples, but JESUS came to them walking on the stormy sea and in the boisterous wind and storm. JESUS had complete control over the devil's attempt to destroy the disciples. Peter saw JESUS and asked if he could walk on the stormy sea, JESUS said come, but Peter being a fisherman knew the dangers of the sea and he began to let the devil put fear in his mind and he began to sink, but KING JESUS reached down and pulled Peter up. The scripture said they were instantly on the other side. Matthew 14: 25-32. So it is with us, JESUS will not allow any evil of Satan to destroy our dirt road experience.

JESUS will get us to the other side, in Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

JESUS is a very present help in a time of need, according to Psalm 46:1 " God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

The black T model car had no right to be on the dirt road, because it represented rebellion, disobedience and sin.

The devil knew sin would be a good target for those who chose to ride and not walk, and convince the dirt road walkers to use a vehicle instead because it will make their trip quicker and less strenuous.

The riders would invite anyone they see to have a ride down the dirt road, many said "no". But the "babes in Christ" would be so eager to be with anyone who said they have accepted JESUS as Savior and jump in the vehicle.

JESUS does not want the "babes in Christ" to be deceived. that is why HE sends them to us.