Crossover First Fruits Part 8

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God is calling us to seek Him first, to seek His Kingdom, to seek His way of doing and being right so that we can all cross over together from the domain of darkness into the domain of light. And we do this by walking with Him in the way of love. If we don't do it by the way of love, what we are doing is of no value. (1 Cor 13:1-3)

He wants our love. He wants us to love Him more than money. He wants us to love Him more than holidays. He wants us to love Him more than our careers. He wants us to love Him more than our families. He wants us to love Him more than our church. When we love God and His ways more than any of these things we are blessed. We become fruitful, we multiply, we have authority, we govern and we subdue the earth.

Love must be our greatest aim. (1 Cor 14:1) How do we make it our greatest aim?

1. Seek it to know it.

You must seek the Father through a relationship with Jesus and with the Helper. There is no other way to know the love of the Father than through Jesus and with Jesus. This means you have to know Him for yourself.

2. Know it to sow it.

The Word of God must be sown. The Word of God must come out of our mouths. We have to know how to defend and be offensive with scripture. When we know God's love and His love abides in us, we begin to see as He sees. We begin to see ourselves the way God sees us. We begin to see where we are bound and how to be free. We begin to see our condition and how He wants us to be free. Then we must speak. Every word that He gives us is words of love, designed to make us free. We can't keep quiet.

3. Sow it to grow it.

We know the love of God for ourselves. Sowing in the knowing of His love changes the condition of our hearts so that our hearts can bear more fruit. When we are grounded and rooted in love our seed produces 30, 60 and 100 fold. The whole purpose is that it would produce power in our lives. The fruit of the Spirit evident in our lives. (Galatians 5:22-23) If we make love our greatest aim it produces gentleness. It produces humility. It produces joy.

4. Grow it to sow it.

God wants us to be seed bearers. He wants us to sow our seed. But you can only become a seed bearer when you have fully matured, fully developed fruit. By sowing the seeds of love, it means you have to go out of your way to love your neighbor. The love of God, when it becomes mature in us, will demonstrate itself in compassion and mercy. If you love one another, by this will all men know that we are disciples of the Lord Jesus. God desires for us to seek it to know it, to know it to sow it, sow it to grow it, and grow it to sow it. One of the most marvelous ways that we can soften our hearts and we can plough up those hard areas of our hearts is to praise God. It's to give Him thanks. It's to worship Him. It magnifies and glorifies who He is, and that's got nothing to do with me. Because regardless of how I feel or my condition, that doesn't change the fact that God is faithful, and God is good, and His mercy endures forever.

