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This is the most recent revelation (illumination) I have received from the Lord and I believe it is the most important. Please take the time to read through this slowly and ask Jesus for a vision of His Word for you.

I believe much of our battle is fought in the mind. I meditate on the Word but if I visualize the Word I even further occupy my mind. This allows my thoughts to be more securely captured and gives my mind pictures to focus on and wrap my faith around.

The Word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision Gen. 15:1. Was it a word or a vision? It was the Word, the manifested Jesus that appeared to him and spoke his name. "And Abram said...He spoke to THE WORD. He had a conversation with HIM/IT. Verse 4 "And behold the word of the Lord came to Him saying... Abram didn't know His name. We do. John 1:14a The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. He called Abram by name and said, "fear not". Today, He is calling your name saying "fear not".

Numbers 21:9 (Amplified) And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole, and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze [attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze], he lived. Jesus was speaking of this scripture in John 3:14&15 when he spoke of the Son of Man being lifted up so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. What kind of look is the one that saves and heals? The definition of the Hebrew word "looked" is given in the amplified scripture above. This was not a fleeting glance. To what are your eyes looking attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze? Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

This is how I am confident that the image I had of my sternum and His Word living in my heart was from the Holy Spirit. I have written before about the vision God gave me when they saw a "suspicious" spot on my sternum. It was about a year from my last chemotherapy. The doctors watch the bones very carefully since breast cancer tries to re-appear there first. I was singing the song "All Things are Possible". (Great song by the way) There is a line in the song that says, "Your Word is living in my heart". I know my sternum is right above my heart. I had a vision of God's

living Word in my heart shedding light on any darkness that may be there. No death could live in my body if my heart was pumping living Word through it!!! This vision was totally from God. I was battling fear, but knowing where my help comes from! (Never underestimate the power of praise and worship either). As it turned out the spot on my sternum (and a few on my ribs) have never changed and the radiologist told me they were probably caused by the radiation. It was nothing!

The term visualization has been used in “new age” religion. I believe we have allowed it to be stolen from the church. Every good and perfect gift is from God. Certainly, satan has never created anything but perverts and corrupts God’s creation. Hebrews 11:1 again...Now faith is perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses. Not in the natural. That sounds like a prescription to see myself through the eyes of faith as healed, whole and victorious. I believe as you meditate on the Word, Jesus will give you visions of His Word. He will open your eyes of faith and reveal His plans...which are always for your good.

We cannot study this without gaining an understanding of how the enemy tries to use this against us. He is familiar with the value of images. Think of the horrific things he is the author of. I looked up the definition of evidence from Hebrews 11:1 in the dictionary. We are all familiar with the legal references to evidence. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. The enemy presents his evidence as doctor’s reports and symptoms. All things experienced in the natural, seen, heard and felt by the flesh. It is my faith in the things eternal and heavenly that combat the natural “seen” things. Fixing the eyes of my faith, focused intently on the eternal unseen things. 2 Cor. 4:18 So we fix our eyes on not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. The devil is a spiritual being and knows full well the eternal things but his intent is to have us doubt and take our eyes off Jesus to look at the circumstances, off the eternal and onto the temporal, off the plan of God and onto myself and my situation. I am SO comforted by Matt 14:30 & 31. The split second Peter cried for help “immediately” Jesus reached out His hand and caught and held him (amp).

If I visualize something other than the Lord and His Word, what am I doing? Indulging in fantasy. One of the definitions of fantasy is, “the natural conjurings of mental invention and association”. It originated in my mind. FANTASY AFFECTS MY FLESH WHILE VISION AFFECTS MY

SPIRIT and draws me closer to God. One will help me focus on the eternal while the other keeps me focused on things that are temporal. Fantasy puts my focus on the creation and away from the creator. The mind is the place the enemy attacks most often. Certainly there are harmless fantasies. All of us are tempted to ramble off occasionally. I believe caution should definitely be taken.

By visualizing my healing I give eyes to my faith. My hope is that I am healed and that every drop of medicine and every procedure done will be used to bring that about. During my cancer treatments I prayed over the medicine and believed it would destroy only the bad cells in my body and leave my good ones alone. My precious doctor/friend called it “weed killer”. Anointed medicine, killing only the weeds but leaving the flowers alone. I guess I am a very visual person anyway but I would visualize this happening. I love flowers! God is so precious and He knows me so well. I believe He does this for all of us. If we seek Him He will meet us exactly where we are with exactly what we need. Who knows better how to relate to you than the One who made you?

Hebrews 11:3 by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.

Framed by the Word...Ask the Holy Spirit to paint you a vision of God's word. The frame, foundation being the Word, the artist being the Holy Spirit, the portrait of Jesus with His hand held out to you, all this done by the inspiration of the Father and His great love for you.

That He would receive glory,

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