

Trusting (*Letter from Grace*)

Dear Prisca,

I am praying for you every day. I know our Father's careful eye is watching over you. He knows exactly what you need and how and when to give you all that you need. I've been thinking a lot about trust lately. Trust really is the bottom line of head covering. Do we trust our brothers, do we trust our Master Yahshua, or do we trust ourselves? We are often like a child afraid of water whose father is trying to get him to turn loose of him and put his feet on the bottom. But the child latches his legs all the more tightly around the father's legs, being certain he will drown if he obeys his father. It is often times so hard to "let go" and trust.

Hakam asked me if I knew what our Master's last act of glorifying His Father was. He said it was dying and that is the same path we are all on. He said that was why Paul talked of dying daily (1 Cor 15:31).

Woman must die to herself to glorify Messiah. I've been thinking about 1 Pet 3:6, "Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children [the Amplified Bible says her *true daughters*] if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear." It is fear that keeps us from trusting. We cling on to our own opinions for fear we will die just as the child who is afraid to put his feet on the bottom of the lake. But the truth is if we try to hang on to our life we will surely lose it (Mt 16:27). If that child refuses to trust his father then the day will come when he will have to swim to the island to save his life, and he won't be able to because he exalted his own fears above trusting his father. I truly want to become a daughter of Sarah. There is so much peace in trusting. The children who trust their fathers at the lake are full of joy and those who don't become more and more frightened. The ones who trust progress more and more, going from the shore to the raft and later swimming to the island. They are learning endurance and being strengthened for the day of great testing ahead. Those who will not trust will not endure. We have a wonderful Father who is persevering with us like those fathers down at the lake. He is faithful to discipline us until we would rather obey. I am so thankful for His loving care. I want to trust Him. He is worthy of all our trust.

Helpmate

Ben Nabiy said I should look up the word *helpmate* to find the meaning of it. I looked it up in the Strong's Concordance and was amazed. It means to surround, protect or aid, help. A helpmate is a *succorer*. *Succor* means relief, assistance or help in time of distress (a succorer is one that affords assistance or relief). In other words, to succor means to encompass. I am seeing more and more this is our ministry in the Church: to surround, protect, help, aid, and give relief — to encompass — to be entirely submissive to our husbands. This is our ministry "to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation" (Heb 1:14).

Our Father needs us to fulfill our ministry in the Body in order for peace to finally reign. Can you imagine what would happen to the Church if the angels did not fulfill their ministry? So it is with us if we do not fulfill our ministry, man will never be one and the end cannot come. Our Master's enemies can not be put under His feet unless woman is fulfilling her ministry of surrounding and encompassing man — not giving way to any other spirit to have a wedge in man's life. I long to be perfectly obedient to this. I see it (at least partly) so clearly but the true test is in my obedience. I know if we could catch hold of this, being filled with the Holy Spirit, magnificent things could happen in the Church and thus on the whole earth.

Somehow I long to see us women ZEALOUS to bring this to pass — being FULL of zeal to fulfill our ministry and purpose on the earth. It can only be through the Holy Spirit that such a thing can be done — this new thing, "That a woman will encompass a man" (Jer 31:22).

We must not be defiled by woman — the fallen Eve who gives way to reasoning and an evil spirit of persuasion to see things her way. But we must become the New Eve — the way Eve was first created — a life-giver (this is the meaning of Eve). We must be faithful to be life-givers in the Body and not the drain of fallen Eve who subtly, continually gnaws away until her will is accomplished and not the life-giving will of our Father.

Prisca, I think of you everyday. I know our Father has a wonderful purpose for what has come upon you.

Remember that those who wait upon Him will not be disappointed. Remember our forerunner and brother King

David's words, "I would have despaired unless I believed I would see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living. Wait for Yahweh. Be strong and let your heart take courage. Yes wait for Yahweh" (Ps 27:13-14). I love you. Please give Aquilla mine and Ben Nabiy's love. Ben Nabiy really enjoyed being with him.

In the Love of our Savior I write,

Grace