

Title: Reliant

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The Lord is faithful. I have entitled this morning's word, "Reliant." He wants us to rely upon the spirit of wisdom and revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ. We are going to read some word today. He wants to strengthen our understanding. He wants to strengthen our spiritual knowledge, the wisdom that we have, the revelation that we have, the understanding that we have, the discernment that we have, and the knowing that we have. He wants to strengthen our resolve to encounter the Lord and to really know Him.

We do not want to just know about Him. God always desired that we would have a personal, close, intimate, living relationship with Him. The good news is that our relationship with God is meant to grow and increase. Just like in the marriage union between the husband and wife, you are not supposed to just stay where you were when you first got married. You are supposed to grow deeper in love, maturity and knowing one another until the Lord takes us home.

So it is with our Father; from the Father to His children. We are a fruitful bunch here. We have all these babies, and they will grow. They will mature. As they grow up, the desire is that they will grow deeper and more in love with the family that they have been born into. When they get married and leave and cleave, that does not destroy the family unit. They become a heritage of mothers and fathers, grandfathers and grandmothers, and great grandmothers and great grandfathers and great great greats. In Heaven, it is just one big reunion. Even with people we will have no idea who they are. Some might say, "Well, I was in your bloodline." That is awesome, and you give them a high five, saying, "I do not know who you are, but hallelujah, you are saved and we are all here. That is all that matters!" Well, so it is with the family of God, and I want you to hear that.

Religion can make it something that people say, "I did that once. I know that. I have been there and done that. I have read that scripture a thousand times." Holy Spirit takes us into the depth, the length, the width, the height of the assurance of God's love. He reveals it from glory to glory, faith to faith. The Kingdom is one of increase. I say this all the time. "The Kingdom of God will never decrease." You cannot stop it. There is no end to His word, His kingdom, to His rule or to His reign. He is forever and ever and ever.

But, there is an end to the kingdom of darkness. It is actually decreasing, even though it says that darkness and deep darkness will cover the Earth. But, "the glory of the Lord will rise upon you." The glory of the Lord is always greater than the darkness. It is an ever increasing kingdom. As we read what the Spirit says to encourage us today, we have to always remember, this is an ever increasing kingdom. Say, "Increase in me, Lord, increase in me." We all want to know Jesus the way the Father has intended us to, and that is perfect love.

His perfect love casts out fear. Fear is the number one thing that plagues humanity. That is the truth. The greatest fear is the fear of death, which Jesus annihilated when He rose from the dead. Scripture says that He went back and got "the keys of hell, death, and the grave." Hallelujah!

The Spirit chose to name the very last book in your Bible, Revelation. It is not about Armageddon, beloved. It is a Revelation that has been written from the living Christ, the One who has the "eyes of fire," who is raised, eternal, and the "King of kings and the Lord of lords."

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When we talk about just wanting to “grow in the knowledge and revelation of Jesus Christ,” it can become rote, religious, or dead. I do not want that, and I do not want that for any of us. We want to have a heart that is soft, that is moldable, and that is open. Revelation, chapters two through three, talk about those who “have an ear to hear let them hear what the Spirit is saying,” what the “Spirit” is saying. The Spirit is always speaking to the Church of the living God. This is glorious.

I am just getting our hearts to the place of positioning. What He says, “I need you to rely upon the Spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ.” You say, “Well, I thought I already did that.” Yes, and there is more. You are going to need more. We need to “rely” upon. “Rely,” means to depend on, trust in, on or upon. Trust is a hard thing to come by nowadays. When someone breaks your trust, *it is* kind of rough isn't it? When you have put your trust in someone or something, and you find it was broken, betrayed or division came in somehow. Your heart is broken like with first loves. Somebody has at least one story of a broken heart like in the country songs about some one who “broke their heart.”

We understand what relationships can do in this life, but not with Jesus Christ. His passion is for you. It is why we sing these love songs. His passion is for His Bride. The Church is His Bride, soon to be His Wife. Do you understand the Bride will rule and reign forever with Him? Now on this side of glory, we have the opportunity to grow into, to be taken up into, rise above it and come into that revelation knowledge of the One we call Savior, Husband, King, and Redeemer. Right? The Blessed One that is coming again for us. I have always said this, “I want our hearts to always beat “as one.” I believe that the Spirit would want the Bride ready. There are lots of theological debates about when Jesus is coming again for His Church. Here is the key, take it and be ready now. Want Him now. Look for Him now. Long for Him now. Love Him now. Surrender to Him now. If He knocks on your door at midnight, one or two, you are ready. That is the key. That is the heart of it all, stewardship.

We are supposed to be about our Father's business and working. I have work to do. We have lots of work to do. We all know at least one person that is not saved. We know many more that need to come into the Kingdom, and do the work and join in the work. Many laborers are out there just ready to be plucked and brought in. When they come in, they are going to come in on fire. They are going to come in where it took you twenty years to get to that point. They are going to come in ready, because of the acceleration of the Spirit's grace for the moment. Those who might squeak in at the last hour, are going to end up doing that Kingdom work for the Father. Scripture says that they are going to be given the same reward as those who have been laboring long. We are talking one generation to the next. You hear the Father's heart of increase?

He says, “I need you to rely upon the Spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ.” Rely, trust, depend on, and let Him have that work in you. When you go through trials and tribulations, the first thing you do is, cry out to God. We have got this down. We know how to do this. Right? You know, it does not matter *when* we need help. We cry out, right? We cry out to God. We cry out to Him, even in our sins. We cried out one time, and He opened our eyes. He gave us revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ. We were born again. Cry out, cry out, cry out! Somewhere in there, the Spirit comes and we are born again from above. Right?

That is just the beginning. I am not content just to say, “Hallelujah, I am saved.” That is a powerful word. “Saved,” actually means you are given eternal life and healed physically, spiritually, and emotionally. There is deliverance. There is freedom. There is liberty. We do not have to stay bound. We can be free from sin. You understand there is a prosperity which is a wholeness and a perfect peace. It is a Shalom peace.

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Salvation is greater than just *knowing*, “When I die, I go to Heaven one day.” Jesus died for us to have this. You can read Isaiah 53 for homework. The revelation of Jesus Christ is always growing in us, and He is taking us from glory to glory. Say, “Increase.” That is right. He wants us to rely. He is sharpening our swords, deepening our faith, strengthening our faith, and encouraging us this morning.

Isaiah 50:10 NKJV

This is written through the prophet Isaiah. *“Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant?,”* which could be His servant Jesus, or the prophet, the servant of the Lord himself. *‘Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord.’* I love how that is first, trust. *‘Trust, in the name of the Lord,’* the very essence of who He is, *‘and rely upon his God.’* Then it got personal. You are trusting in the name of Lord to save and to come. Then you have to “rely upon.”

When babies are born, they are relying upon their mother and father, correct? So, as we are born again from above, we are immediately placed into His arms of love. We are totally dependent upon Him for everything. You understand that? We are going to “trust in the name of the Lord.” We are going to rely upon God.

Isaiah 50:10 TPT

“Who among you has true fear and reverence of Yahweh? Who of you listens to the voice of His servant? Are any of you groping in the dark without light? Let him trust in the faithful name of Yahweh, and rely upon his God.”

It is very descriptive, and it gives us a beautiful picture of what it looks like on this side of glory. Anybody ever woke up in the middle of the night, and it is really, really dark in the house. You are just going by faith to find where the light is in the bathroom? You know what I am talking about. Walking down the hall to go into the baby's room at three in the morning. You have your hand out to find everything and you are half awake. You are relying upon your understanding in your own mind, of how the house is all laid out.

Well, it is like that with the Father at first. You are so dependent on Him. You recognize where He is and where He has been. Where His touch is, and what you know and have experienced. “I know this about Him. I can trust that He will be faithful here. He is there. As a matter of fact, He is down the hall. He is around the corner. He is out in the street.” You understand? He is always there. No matter what we do in this life, it is all about that relationship of trust. We go through multitudes of trials and testings. In all of it, God will use it to strengthen our faith to bring “revelation knowledge” of who He is. Every bit of it. Nothing is wasted. Say, “Nothing is wasted.”

Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJV

This is the apostle Paul praying for the Church. We use this prayer. It is a strong apostolic prayer that we continue to pray over ourselves, His body, and His people. “God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.” You can feel the weight on that. It went beyond, “I just want to know God.” Yet, the human heart often says, “I just want to know God.” When I was first being drawn by the Spirit, to salvation, all I knew to do was just go to Church. That is where most of us started. In front of a whole bunch of elders on the Board. Just trying to do whatever it takes to join the Church. I had to meet with them. I said, out of my spirit when I knew nothing, “I just want to know the Lord.” I could not make that up. It did not even come from me. I did not even know to say that.

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Now, maybe some of you all knew that, but I did not. But, it came from my spirit man, that the Father of spirits has the answer. My spirit said, "I need to know my Father. I just need to know the Lord." That was not in my knowledge. It was not learned information. Nobody taught that to me. I just went to church. You get it? But, the Spirit is saying, "You need to know Me. You need revelation of Me. You need understanding of Me." That is why this will take you from here, to off the charts every time you pray it in faith, and believing that the Holy Ghost is there to impart to you and to bring you into that place.

It can become religious. "I have got this memorized." I do not want it "memorized." I want to know, Jesus here. You understand that? As you know Him, you are memorizing the Scripture. You hear it? The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all glory, gave you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus.

Ephesians 1:18

"May the eyes of your understanding be enlightened, that you would know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

Oh, what a family. Yes, "the riches of the glory of the inheritance in the saints." This is powerful. Scripture says that, "Jesus became poor that you might become rich." This is what He is talking about. Oh, to know the depth of His heart, and who He is, and His house, His family, and His Kingdom forever. This is our inheritance. Amen. "Lord, open the eyes of my understanding. Open my spiritual eyes. Open my eyes and illuminate my understanding. If it is dead, raise it from the dead. But, I need to go further. I need to know in whom I am believing. I want to see you."

But, blessed are those who have not seen, yet believe. That word, "seen," is an inward sight. It is the Spirit in the person, seeing God, hearing God, knowing God, and being one with God. It is intimacy, and it is oneness. It is unity of the Spirit. The bond of peace. It is resurrection power. It is revelation when He speaks to you daily, that you cannot come up with on your own. He speaks to you daily, 24/7. God is always speaking. We are training and teaching to learn how to hear His voice. He knows how to get your heart. He knows how to win you over. Right? But, He is always speaking to those who have ears to hear. That is what Jesus said, "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear what the Spirit is saying." That is where we are to "know the riches of the glory of the inheritance in the saints."

The apostle here saw some things that were coming, because it was coming out of him. It was not just reading the end of the book and *saying*, "We go to Heaven one day." We are going to go to Heaven one day. There was something that the Spirit put in his being, that He literally laid down His life for. It was the inheritance laid up for Jesus Christ. We are that inheritance. He is our inheritance. But, we are His inheritance. Do you understand? It is all about God.

Ephesians 1:19

He prays that *"we would know what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe."* Not just power to go heal the sick. But, *"the greatness of His power towards us."* God's power towards us. God's power was manifest so strong, He pulled us out of hell. We had a death sentence. You know that *we were* without hope? God's power towards you translated you out of the darkness and out of the kingdom of Satan. *God's power* took you out of there and translated you into the Kingdom of Heaven, *and you are* forever sealed. Right? *"The power towards us who believe."* Who believe and *"it is always growing, according to the working of His mighty power."* The Church needs to know His mighty working power. Daily, not just when you go on the outreach. Not just when you go on a mission. Not when you to try to pray for that family member that needs healing.

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It is a daily encounter with the God of Heaven and knowing His power. When one of His servant beings called angels came near a human, you know what they did? The humans all fell flat on their face according to Scripture, every one of them. The *angels* were not Jesus. They were not God. They were not Holy Ghost. They were the “ministering servants of fire,” who had been with God forever. They carry His presence. When they walk near or come in the room, that is what humans do, *fall down*. Then the *angels* have to touch them and give them courage. You know, “Be not afraid. Here drink this. You will be alright. Rise to your feet.” You know what I am trying to say? You are talking about the power of God encountering human flesh. Yet, the Lord is praying for us to know His mighty working power. Permission to know, and when you know Him, you see Him working towards you. That removes the dull, daily grind of your devotional time, reading your Bible, and those classes you are supposed to be catching up on.

It is God working towards us to bring us into that revelation knowledge. He is working towards us to bring us into the revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ every day. Every day as soon as we are born. That is the movement from Heaven. So, we can rely upon the Spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus. I can rely and depend on and trust in Him. He knows my calling exactly. He knows what I am called to do. He knows when our last breath will take place. He knows our future before the foundation of the world. He knows every cell in our bodies. Yes, He knows us. He knows us, and He is working.

“What is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe.” He loves us. It is the love of God. It is the intimacy of God. *“According to the working of His mighty power in which He worked in Christ Jesus, when He raised Him from the dead.”* Here is your resurrection, *“and seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places.”* That is the finished work. The finished work of the cross raised Him from the dead, and because He was the firstborn, we too will have resurrected bodies one day. Hallelujah what a savior!

Ephesians 1:21

“Far above all principalities and power, might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come.”

He will never lose His place of authority over all of the spiritual dominions, thrones, principalities, powers, and angelic orders. Over all of Satan's principality, powers and his fallen angels, He is the head King now.

Ephesians 2:6

We are *“seated with Him in heavenly places,”* now the scripture says. We have been given His authority now, on the Earth, to do the will of the Father, to do the same works of Jesus, and greater works you will do. He said, *“You will do greater works,”* to save, heal, deliver, raise up to do His mighty wonders, and to host His presence. You hear that?

Well, what time is it? “Rely upon the spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ.” Well, what time is it? “Rely upon the spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ.” Really? Where are we in the timeline? “Rely upon the spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ.” What am I going to do tomorrow? “Rely upon the spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ” What am I going to do in twenty years? “Rely upon the spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ.” We are growing deeper and higher!

Ephesians 1:22-23

“He put all things under His feet. He gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” That is our position.

John 8:12

"I am the light of the world."

Isaiah, asked a question. He says, *"Who among you fears the Lord?"* This the first question, because it is *"the fear of the Lord that is the beginning of wisdom."* It is the fear of the Lord that gets you saved. Right? It is the fear of the Lord that is going to open the entrance into God's heart. Without the fear of the Lord, you are in darkness, period. So, Jesus is saying, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* We are to trust in the name of the Lord. We are to rely upon His God. He is the light of the world.

Time to time you go through these encounters in the spirit world where the the dark ones and evil ones are screaming out in terror because of the light. They are in the kingdom of darkness. When you walk up, the Kingdom of Heaven is illuminating from you, whether you see it or not. He is the light of the world, and I am following Him. That light of life is consuming me, before me, within me, behind me, beside me and in every area around me, that light is illuminating. If you watch the movie, *"On the Dark Side,"* you can see those that have been in darkness say, *"Oh no, this is what happens when you walk up to me."*

John 12:46

"I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

When there are areas in our soul, that are from the darkness we were born in of sin, habits, strongholds, burdens, yokes, fears, iniquity, patterns, doubt, unbelief, greed, or vices. You know that area Holy Spirit is delivering our soul from to bring us into revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ. He goes in and pulls that fear out of you, pulls those lies out of you, pulls those sins out of you, pulls those areas of compromise out of you, and fills you with Himself. That is an ongoing salvation, *"be being saved."* That is what it means. Paul mentioned that in Philippians. It is an eternal work that God is doing in us. *"When we see Him, we will be like Him. When we see Him face to face."* Amen. He says, *"rely upon."* It is one thing to know about it, but He is asking you to stir up and look at your heart. See how you are relying upon *Him*.

Psalms 28:7

The whole Bible is full of these kind of verses. We get worried, and then rely upon our own strength by default. Right? *"The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped."* You hear it? *"My heart relied upon Him, and help came."* Help came. That is what He is always waiting on. You cannot do it. *"My heart is willing. Oh, God help me."* He says, *"I will. Look to Me."* This will never change. *"The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusted in Him, relied on Him, and I am helped."*

You need to put that in your mouth. *"I am helped."* Right? You can sing those songs, *"Help is on the way,"* but, *"I am helped."* *"I am helped. I am delivered. I am saved. I am healed."* That changes everything, and it shows God I am relying on Him even as He is working this out in my life. *"Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices."* There is your joy, that you have in the Lord. *"I will just praise Him. I will sing my song to Him."* That is what is going to cause worship and going deeper.

Psalms 62:8

He says, *"Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us."*

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Ahh, you feel the strength in that? When I make disciples in teaching and helping and instructing in what we do, I constantly encourage the saints to “tell the Lord everything.” You do not go before Him disrespectfully. He already knows everything you are going through and your thoughts from afar. But, where we get in trouble and get hardened hearts, is when we keep it all in. It is like you become a recluse. Then you come in your own strength, because you have not poured out your heart to the Lord. You have not gone to rely upon the Spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus. You are still trying to work it out on your own, because you still keep it all to yourself.

No, no, no, say, “I pour all of it out before the Lord.” Tell Him everything happy, sad, trials, brokenness, trouble, or fears. It does not matter. You tell Him everything. Just you and Him. You do not have to go through another to get there. Step into your closet, and open your heart. Go there. I promise you will go from here to off the charts in your walk with Christ. That is called “*abiding and remaining in Him and His Word.*” He said, “*If you do not do this, you will bear no fruit,*” John 15. So, if you want to do the works of God, that is where you start. When the heart opens, oh my goodness, you see!

Revelation 3

When He goes to the Church of Laodicea, He had to rebuke them because their heart had gone really astray. It was very lukewarm. Somewhere in there, they stopped that burning relationship. Right? He says, I am going to give you a chance. “*You are lukewarm. I would rather you be hot or cold.*” You know we feed the flame around here. So, if you are lukewarm, He says, “*I will vomit you out of my mouth.*” That is a stern warning for the House of the Lord. It was not written to the heathens, because He is in love with you. He says, “*If you do this, I will come. I will come, and I will be with you.*” I will *habitat* with you. I will bring revelation knowledge to you of who I am. Then you are toast. You are just undone again. People say, “I just got saved.” You say, “I thought you were saved 30 years ago.” It is called a relationship. Oftentimes people want to put a person, a denomination, or a religion, or a vice, or football, in that place. I do not care what it is. He wants that place. He is called First Love for a reason. You hear Him?

II Corinthians 1:8-11 my subtitle says “Paul's trouble in Asia”

This is loaded. In the work of the ministry, the Apostle Paul and these disciples of Christ are laboring. They are going through difficult times of persecution, facing principalities and powers and rulers of the darkness, and going forward in God. He knows what all it is. Okay? They had a “*sentence of death upon them.*” He nails it. This is where I love his honesty. Because, Paul soars with God. He says, “*We despaired even of life. We agreed with the sentence of death. We found that we could not trust in ourselves.*” Look at how they are preaching themselves out. Then, “*They believed in God, who raises the dead.*” Then, “*He delivered us from so great a death.*” As a matter of fact, “*He does deliver us.*” He says, “*We trust that He will still deliver us.*” You see the increase? You see it? That is what it looks like!

By the way, then he brings in the Body, who have been interceding, “*because, you have been interceding and praying for us, we came back from the dead. We were able to complete our mission.*” So, “*When I say pray for me, I mean it.*” You get it? “*Pray for one another, earnestly pray for one another, because it can be between life and death.*” But, that is what it looks like in the body of Christ to complete the work of the Lord. Not just so you can live till your dream number of eighty. Our whole purpose of being here is to know God and to do His will. That is it. Out of that kingdom life will happen. So, much joy that it just overtakes us. Rely upon the Spirit of revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ. Yes, He says, “rely.”

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1 Peter 1:3-21

Where does it always come back around to? Your faith in God! When we struggle in any respect, and when we are growing, the Spirit is saying, "reliant." This is where we are at right now in this moment. We will grow in this beloved, amen.

So, let's stand up and let's pray. If you need prayer over this, we will pray for you up here. But, I encourage you in your quiet time this week, in your closet, that you go there with Him in this.

Father, we thank you. We thank you and honor your life giving words to us. We thank you that your Word is living and full of power and hope. Thank you that it does not return void. I pray Father, for everyone who hears this, that you please bless them. Open the eyes of our understanding. Help us to know the greatness of your power, because, we believe you. Open the eyes of our spiritual understanding that we may know you. Give us supernatural revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ today, while it is still called today. May we grow closer and totally rely upon and depend upon that grace. Our hearts and our eyes are fixed on the Light. We know Lord, that you will continue to empower us as you show us your glory. Our hearts will be steadfast and rely upon your holiness and your blood, Jesus. To the end God, use us for your glory and increase your Kingdom through us. In Jesus' name, amen. Amen.