

GET UP AND GET OUT!

1 John 1:1-4
Ezekiel 16:6-8

The medical profession calls it “The Failure to Thrive”, or “FTT” where infants and children become listless and unwilling to nurse. They develop undiagnosed metabolic disorders all because of three things:

1. The biological mother’s original breast milk.
 2. The biological mother’s warmth next to the child.
 3. The biological mother’s consistent companionship talking to the child.
- The absence of these three things produces an illness in infants called, “The Failure to Thrive”.

This is the state of The Bride of YAHWEH in our opening text, and this is the state of some of God’s people *today* as The Bride of Jesus Christ.

1. Where Mama’s milk called The Word is not being nursed in some of us.
 2. Or Mama’s warmth or affection called prayer and continual worship is not being felt by some of us.
 3. Or Mama’s companionship called unity with spiritual leadership is disconnected from giving real security.
- And without 1) Security, 2) Warmth and affection and Word transformation I live my life with a failure to thrive.
 - a) I grew up without physical affection and unconditional love as a child and a teenager.
 - b) I grew up experiencing abusive discipline
 - c) I felt invisible with my opinions
 - So, after getting into the Church, the Failure to Thrive showed up in my:
 - 1) Inability to be warm and affectionate to my wife and children
 - 2) I was religiously zealous but critical to my loved ones
 - 3) I wrestled with sexual perversion to replace the emotional emptiness and pain I wasn’t getting from others.
 - 4) I formulated an unhealthy concept of love from my upbringing
 - So, when I withhold affection or refuse to give it I am experiencing a Failure to Thrive.
 - We develop a Holy Ghost love from our maternal and paternal experiences of 1) Milk, 2) Warmth and Companionship.

Jesus specialized in touching and transforming people who society deems unimportant and insignificant.

- a) He healed the withered man’s hand which the Pharisees thought was a violation of the Sabbath.
- b) He stops in a large crowd to open the blind eyes of Bartimaeus.
- c) He makes time for the “Hoochie Mama” at the Well of Samaria that no Jew would talk to.
- d) He delivers the daughter from demons by making time to hear the Syrophenician mother’s cry for her.

Jesus always places importance on the unimportant.

- People ignored the man at the Pool of Bethesda, but Jesus didn't.
- He always seeks after that which is disenfranchised, cast aside, and marred, like Jeremiah 1:8 said, in the house of God.
- Because you cannot love your neighbor or lost souls until you love yourself the way Jesus is trying to get you to do.

He said in Ezekiel 8:6:

- 1) While you are in a state of a failure to thrive and unable to engage in real affection with loved ones – "I will pass by you".
- 2) I see you polluted with past wounds that won't heal. I see you polluted with family offenses and secret addictions you cannot break.
- 3) I am passing by you and I see you polluted and hemorrhaging from relationship scars and the financial crises you face.
- 4) But "I say live!" Read verse 8.
 - a. When I passed by thee
 - b. When I looked upon thee
 - c. I declare it's time for me to train you all over again about what love really is.
Because you're like Frankenstein's bride. Your life, your personality, and values have been shaped by the corpses of other people.

Some of you are like a shanaenae at a wedding:

- 1) Walking in with a chicken bone
- 2) And skittles colored dress
- 3) And buckboard raggedy horse carriage with a box full of squirrels and broken winged chickens instead of white doves that are supposed to fly out.
- 4) You struggle to give and to receive love.
- 5) I got Jesus. I go to church, but I live in my private life like Shanaenae and Forrest Gump.

Jesus said:

- 1) Live – Get up so I can heal you to get you out of the house of God to be a soul winner.
- 2) Let me train you in my version of love all over again so you can get up to get out.
- 3) Then after you get up you can say what John said in our opening verse:
 - a. I have heard Him
 - b. I have seen him with my own eyes
 - c. I have handled the Word because His intimate love through prayer and faith in the Word is getting the shanaenae out of me.
 - d. So that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye may have intimacy in prayer with the Jesus, your Husband. That's getting out of the four walls of this building, getting up and getting out.

There are three Mal Daddy spiritual pimps that fight for your love for God. I need to warn you of these three lovers that want to keep you a spiritual shanaenae. Read Esther 1:11-12.

1. The pimp of Pride and Stubbornness
 - a. I'm ok.
 - b. This message is for the shanaenae across the aisle.

- c. My problems are with other people and not me.
- d. The preacher doesn't know what I've been through, "Say you don't know me."
- e. Vashti's independent pride and beauty made it hard for her to come to an altar and cry and repent and embrace this living love of Jesus that transforms us.

Song of Solomon 8:6 says love is stronger than unforgiveness. Women can get healing when husbands embrace God's healing love for themselves.

2. The pimp of Shame

- a. It slaps you back to a sick reality that you are not good enough
- b. It draws you back to some unhealthy habits, lust and things you like that you know are not good for you.
- c. It's even too shameful to think about to talk about some of those experiences. So, I cannot embrace Jesus.
 - i. The shame of talking about my past with Emerson Curtis or restoring my marriage, or to weep and show weakness in front of my wife.
 - ii. Paul getting up to preach Jesus after killing Him.

3. The last pimp is found in Revelation 21:8 – The pimp of Fear and Unbelief

- a. I just can't believe Jesus wants to love me this much
- b. I can't believe He wants to use me, a worm, and a loser, with all that I have done. David had to get up after failing God to remain king.

These three pimps will separate you from allowing the Holy Ghost to train you in this new love, to break you out of your old mindset of love. Because your mindset is not producing new souls or inviting people to church. Are you a friendly person to strangers or whites and Hispanics?

We run to this new lover because:

1. He has Calvary's power over your sins and blockages.
2. Jesus said it's time for love. I made a covenant with you I will not break.
3. My blood and name have power over every demon you battle.

Get up to get out! I want to multiply this church today. Go back and read Ezekiel 16:6-8.

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