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The Glory of God

When the glory of God appears things happen. When the glory of God appears lives are transformed; sinners are converted, the saints are purified to a greater holiness and to greater zeal and empowerment for the mission God calls them to. When the glory of God is encountered we can never be the same.

Moses saw the glory of God in the burning bush and was transformed. From that glory he received his God-given destiny to be the one who would lead his people Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land as a free people. Later, up on the mountain to commune with God, Moses was so infused with the glory of God that when he descended his face shone with that glory and he had to veil his face so as not to frighten the people.

Isaiah had a vision of the heavenly throne room and was frightened since "no man can see God and live." God's glory convicted him of

his sins and the sins of his people; the glory fire from the heavenly altar purified Isaiah's lips and indeed his whole life. So total was the transformation that when God asked, "Who will go for us; whom shall we send?" Isaiah responded wholeheartedly, "Here I am, send me!" Thus transformed by his encounter with the God of glory and the glory of God Isaiah went on to live a powerfully anointed prophetic ministry and to author the book that bears his name.

When the temple had been built and Solomon had it dedicated with thousands of sacrificial offerings, God descended in the glory cloud. So powerful was the presence of God in the glory cloud that the priests could not continue their ministry. The sincere worship of God drew down his glory as described in 1 Kings 8: 10-11: "When the priests left the holy place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord so that the priests could no longer minister because of the cloud, since **the Lord's glory** had filled the temple of the Lord." Solomon himself was transformed in a dream he had after the dedication of the temple, and was given wisdom never before seen and not seen since except in Jesus.

Ezekiel had several encounters with the God of glory and each time in the glory he was in awe and transformed and empowered for God's purposes. In Ezekiel chapter 47 he describes the vision he had of the river of living water flowing from the heavenly temple, a river of glory and life and healing that kept getting wider and deeper and stronger the further it flowed. This river of glory represents the Holy Spirit, a river all believers are meant to have flowing from within their inner beings.

CCRSO MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and participate in the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church, witnessing to the reality of Jesus Christ and the love of the Father, under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, exercising the charisms received through release of the Holy Spirit.

This river is meant to change things in our lives, transform us, and empower us for the glorious destiny and mission God has for each of us.

Saul was on a mission to arrest and imprison believers in Jesus. On the road to Damascus he was confronted by the glory of God, glory so powerful that it knocked him to the ground and so bright that he became blind. That encounter with Jesus in his glory brought him the revelation that Jesus really was raised from the dead, and that he was indeed Lord and God as the Christians professed. Thus Saul the persecutor was radically changed into the great apostle Paul who spread the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to the known world of his days. Out of this glory encounter and others that followed Paul was given boldness and courage and power in ministry and was inspired to write about half of the New Testament.

Moses experienced the Lord working in power, in signs and wonders during the exodus, yet he was hungry for still more of God driving him to insist, "Lord, show me your glory." We need to experience the glory of God in our own lives, and more than once as did St. Paul and others.

Like Isaiah we need to enter the heavenly throne room to worship the God of all glory and receive our mission from him.

Like Ezekiel we need the heavenly river of God's glory to refresh us and empower us.

With the saints of all the ages we need to be purified and made holy as we bask in the glory of God. With them we need to be carriers of God's glory because things change when the glory of God appears and lives are transformed when the glory of God appears.

So with the example of Moses and others let us diligently seek God and his glory. Let us press into him insisting, "Lord, show me your glory. Overshadow me with your glory that

your purposes be birthed in me and come to successful completion. I must have your glory! Lord, show me your glory. Reveal yourself to me more and more. Show me your glory. Amen!"

*Deacon Stan Cor
President, C.C.R.S.O.*

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Pentecost

There are many graduations at this time of year. Pentecost is for us like our graduation day. We graduated from being believers in Jesus to being Holy Spirit filled believers in Jesus. Our graduation diploma is the Holy Spirit. With graduation diplomas we usually get gifts also. We have graduated and with the Holy Spirit, our diploma, we also received gifts – the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We speak of the graduating class of 1997, 2006, etc. We are of the same graduating class as the apostles, the class of eternal life. We have the same diploma as the apostles, the Holy Spirit. In a way we have more than the apostles; we have the New Testament. They had to write it and we eternally appreciate them for it. They had walked with Jesus and had been taught by him; we have the benefits of their personal experiences with Jesus and in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. They teach us how to step out and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the building up of the Body of Christ, the Church. They teach us the necessity of the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit that we, like them, might be effective in the ministries the Lord confides to us.

Through the prophet Joel, God promised: "Then afterward **I will pour out my spirit** on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." We have graduated as part of the class of eternal life and we have our diploma, the Holy Spirit. With our diploma we have each received spiritual gifts. Now we must step out in faith to use those gifts that Jesus may be glorified and that others in turn will be drawn to personal relationships with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. You are a graduate; use the gifts you have received.

*Submitted by Richard Paquette
CCRSO Delegate, Timmins Diocese*

*The Association of Christian Therapists
(ACT)
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UNBOUND

Freedom In Christ

“Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. **So if a son frees you, then you will truly be free.**” (Jn 8:34-36, emphasis added)

Jesus, the beloved Son of God, lived, died and rose again so that we can be free: free to know our true **identity** as beloved sons and daughters, co-heirs with Christ; free to know our life’s **purpose** according to God’s perfect plan (cf. Jer 29:11); and, free to know our ultimate **destiny** - union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for eternity. Freedom is so important that St. Paul says “For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.” (Gal 5:1)

We were created by God in love, for love. In fact, God loved us so much that he gave us the freedom to choose to love him in return or to reject his love and his promises. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “God willed that man should be left in the hand of his own counsel (cf. Sir 15:14), so that he might of his own accord seek his creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him.” (1743) And, as much as loving and obeying God is the only rational choice to make, it is not always easy to do so, even for those who are already Christian. The Catechism teaches, “Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ’s grace, erases original sin and turns a man back towards God, but the consequences for nature, weakened and inclined to evil, persist in man and summon him to spiritual battle.” (405)

God desires that everyone be saved and to have knowledge of the truth that sets us free. (cf. 1 Tim 3:4, Jn 8:32) A battle exists because Satan also has a plan for our lives.

“Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8-11) The enemy seeks to deceive us, to steal our identity and destiny in Christ, and to hold us eternally captive in the kingdom of darkness.

Without knowing it, many of us have allowed our true identity as children of God to be stolen away. In believing lies about who we are, and then basing our choices on those lies, we give up our freedom to live as children of God. By “putting on the mind of Christ” (cf. Rm 13:14) we can regain our freedom. Freedom in Christ brings immeasurable hope, joy, and peace. Jesus is the solution to any crisis. When, with faith and confidence we can say: “I know who I am, I know my purpose in life, and I know my destiny,” then the problems and darkness in the world lose their power over us.

The keys to this freedom are available to all of us. This theme was the focus of the recent “*Unbound: Freedom in Christ*” conference hosted by The Bread of Life, held in Oakville. Neal and Janet Lozano shared their wisdom and extensive experience in this often under-emphasized area of Christian life. In his book, “*Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance*,” and his more recent book “*Resisting the Devil: A Catholic Perspective on Deliverance*,” Neal explains the “Five Keys” of the Unbound model of prayer. He uses imagery of a door, bolted shut with five locks. On the other side stands Jesus knocking (cf. Rev 3:20). It is only when all five locks have been opened that the freedom and intimacy offered by Jesus can be fully received. The Five Keys are:

1. Repentance and faith
2. Forgiveness
3. Renouncing the work of your enemies (e.g. unforgiveness, anger)
4. Standing in the authority you have in Christ
5. Receiving God’s blessing of your identity and destiny.

Neal explains that “98% of deliverance from evil spirits is learning the truth” and that “deliverance is not a one-time event but an ongoing and normal part of the Christian life.”

In May, about 500 people attended the *Unbound: Freedom in Christ* conference. In preparation, about 40 people were trained in *Unbound* prayer ministry. At the conference, these teams ministered to many people who wanted to respond more deeply to a particular Key after one of the talks. In addition, about 70 people received more extensive ministry using the Five Keys on Saturday afternoon. The *Unbound* conference has been the springboard for ongoing *Unbound* prayer ministry in the area. In June, an additional 40 people received ministry. Many more are lined up to receive ministry in the fall. As the harvest is plentiful, preliminary plans have been put in place to train more people in leading ministry using the *Unbound* model. In addition, The Bread of Life Renewal Centre is now distributing Neal Lozano’s resources in Canada including conference CDs, DVDs, and his books. (For more information go to www.thebreadoflife.ca)

Prior to the conference, the Lord gave us the word that he would send a “whirlwind” of grace. We have not been disappointed. The Lord is moving powerfully in our midst, as these brief conference testimonials attest:

- It was the most uplifting weekend of my life journey.
- I experienced Christ’s love through the team that prayed with me.
- I realized that I had not forgiven someone and was able to really forgive.
- I renounced involvement with the occult.
- I now like myself more and am learning to forgive myself.
- I have new hope.
- I don’t feel stuck anymore
- The Holy Spirit revealed the lie that I am not loved and was abandoned by God. I know he loves me and has never left me.

- I know that I have been set free in Christ Jesus. Each day is now a commitment to enter into a deeper relationship with Him!
- I bought into Satan’s lies for too long. No more! I am a princess of the King of Kings!

On a personal level, I fully endorse the *Unbound* model. Years ago, while reading the book for the first time, and praying through the Five Keys on my own, I experienced a profound freedom from subtle fears that had influenced my whole life. About 18 months later, I had the opportunity to receive prayer during an *Unbound* conference. Deep-seated lies I had accepted over 25 years ago were exposed and rejected, leading to an even greater freedom in Christ. Since then, I have traveled to Ghana, Poland and Slovenia with Neal and Janet to help teach and implement this powerful ministry of freedom and blessing. I will go wherever the Lord leads to help advance his kingdom by setting the captives free.

My hope and prayer is that many more people will learn about *Unbound* to gain freedom from the devil’s influence and to cooperate with God’s grace so as to gain the victory He has already given us. May His Kingdom Come!

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My Experience of **Unbound: Freedom in Christ**

Neal and Janet Lozano are a Catholic couple who have been led by the Lord to a simple, calm and balanced approach to the ministry of deliverance. Much of what they call deliverance we have known as inner healing.

Last fall and winter the prayer group in Haileybury studied it as a group reading the book *Unbound* and with the DVD teaching. It helped them a lot and they have their parish priest's approval to offer the ministry to others in their parish. Neal says quite rightly, *"Deliverance is a good word. Deliverance is not about the devil; it is about helping people come into the freedom of Jesus Christ. 98% of deliverance is coming to know the truth; only 2% is about casting out demons."*

I bought and studied the materials myself; it helped me get free in some areas just reading the book and companion workbook which contain both teaching and testimonies.

A group of people from the Hamilton diocese went to Ann Arbor for training. In May they hosted an *Unbound* conference. Since Deacon Armand and I were going to be in Niagara Falls the weekend before for the Association of Christian Therapists conference, we stayed for the *Unbound* conference. On the Thursday evening and Friday until about 2 p.m. we took part in a training session. I took advantage of the opportunity to be ministered to Friday morning and was an intercessor on a prayer team later that day.

Miriam Wright, the leader of the Oakville *Unbound* team assigned us to prayer teams. Even on the Friday evening, praying briefly over about six people we could see the power of the method to zero in on what the issues are and lead people to freedom in Christ.

I was surprised Saturday to be assigned leader of a prayer team; I was there to learn! We ministered to three people; about 45 minutes each. We were overwhelmed by the depth of compassion we felt for those who came and the awesome trust they put in us, pouring out some deep and dark areas of their lives. My intercessor partner and I both found that we could not judge them no matter the sins of the past. The Holy Spirit was powerfully at work opening their hearts and revealing things to them and to us that helped them gain new insights and therefore new freedom.

A couple of times we suggested, *"You seem to be taking personal responsibility for what was done to you. Feeling guilty about what happened is a deception. However it's very good to take responsibility for your response."* Suddenly realizing that this was what they had been doing, they were able to renounce the deception of false responsibility. It was a privilege and an honour to help others come into the freedom Christ has already won for us.

I have noticed since then that I have been using some of the *Unbound* keys as I have ministered to others in our own prayer group and in the Haileybury prayer group when I visited them. *Unbound* is not the only way, of course, but it is a good way and certainly added to my knowledge and experience and range of ministry. I do recommend it, including for personal study and growth. Going through the book and the teaching as a group works well as we can get insights from each other and minister to each other.

Available are:-

- *Unbound* book,
- Companion Workbook,
- *Unbound* conference on either CD or DVD
- The Older Brother Returns book
- Resisting the Devil: A Catholic Perspective on Deliverance
- Three children's books.

I chose the DVD's as I find it easier to focus watching rather than just listening to CDs. The first three items are best used together. The materials are available through the Bread of Life office: www.breadoflife.org

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STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

Odds are that as children we were taught that before crossing any street we'd do well to stop, look and listen for approaching traffic. After all, failure to do so could be fatal.

Stop, Look, Listen was a recurring theme at the **11th annual Journey to the Father high school age Catholic youth conference** held on the July 16-18 weekend in the Alexandria-Cornwall diocese and attended by youth and their leaders from across the province.

Bishop Paul-André Durocher put it very well in his closing homily on the Sunday morning. Failing to stop, look at Jesus and listen to God's Word can be disastrous as we journey down life's road on our way home to our heavenly Father.

He referred to the famous *Rublev* icon of the Holy Trinity as reminiscent of the First Reading at Mass that day – the one where Abraham receives three unexpected guests. Abraham had to **stop** in order to be attentive to those guests. He slaughtered an animal for their meal; he made himself available to them. Sometimes stopping for God entails giving up or letting go of something. But, whenever we do, there's a blessing to be had. It will be somewhat different for each of us. Abraham and Sarah were blessed by the fulfilled prophecy of a son in their old age. Sometimes we may need to put down the cell phone, take the ear buds from our ears, turn off the TV for awhile in order to better commune with God.

The second in the series of icons, the *Pantokrator*, reminds us to **look** at Jesus in a deeper way. He is Ruler of the World (the meaning of all things), so have we given every area of our lives over to His Lordship? When Paul first looked at Jesus he saw a betrayer of the Jewish faith – an apparent false prophet. God had to shake him up. Then he devoted the rest of his life to spreading the Good News of who Jesus really is. In looking at Jesus we might ask ourselves how often we take time to be truly present to the Lord at Mass and at Eucharistic adoration.

The third and final icon is a contemporary one painted by a Chinese Canadian. We all know the story of Mary and Martha and their differing, but equally valid responses to Jesus visiting them. It's good and necessary that we give of ourselves in service of the Lord and His people, but it must not take precedence over spending time in being open to hearing God through Scripture and other means. Do we actually **listen** for His voice.

Let's remember to take some time daily to stop, look and listen to Jesus. Even starting with praying a few lines of Scripture – 5 minutes a day – can make all the difference.

*This article is a brief summary of the presentation
as recalled by
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