

*Word of Encouragement from the Lord*  
*While Sheltering in Place Eating the Lamb*  
(Randy, Sunday Morning, 4/19/20)

So, if I may, I would like to share just a few little thoughts that I had jotted down just beforehand. And, they relate to the fact that...remember this: the journey hasn't really started yet. It's like what Scot was sharing: we are still in the phase of eating the Lamb. Eating the Lamb is the preparation for the journey and that's why He is emphasizing that part, because there is going to be no journey unless we eat the Lamb.

You know, there is a virus going on worldwide, but going on in our world. For us here in this part of Texas, we had rain and rain and rain and rain, more rain than they've had, it's like the 5<sup>th</sup> most rain in history since recording weather here. And then we have got our own circumstances, our own problems, our own...whether it be at home, with kids or husband and wife or whatever, or within us, I felt like the Lord had me just jot down some of these things, so I wrote down...

**Jesus is the sun and the sky, everything else is just the weather.** He is the sun and the sky, and *everything else* is just the weather.

And **patience is not the ability to wait for the clouds to leave; patience is to know the sun is always there.**

And then I wrote...you don't want the wind to blow your house down yet—because some of us are going, "I'm not ready" – **we don't want Him to blow our house down yet but to bring the calming breeze of the Holy Spirit first.** Not panic, but patience. None of us are there yet, but the Lord knows the timing. We're not there yet.

Running into action, then you're going to fail. Trying to grasp things, that's when you lose them. Forcing something to completion, you ruin what was about to turn ripe. **Fruit comes from small, regular doses of the True Vine, from the Vine Life.** If you're a twig, just take in the life to the degree that you can. And trust that those daily doses, no matter how small, are working toward the end of what He's got.

Fruit comes from small, regular doses of the True Vine. **We must not respond immediately to a stimulus that comes our way.** And that is connected with "Jesus is the sun and sky and everything else is just the weather." Weather changes. Sun and sky don't. Weather blocks the sun and sky, but patience isn't that the clouds leave. Patience is, "The Sun is always there."

And then, talking about “we must not respond immediately to a stimulus that comes our way,” because, you live down here, there’s all these things that come our way, all these things, daily, different things. Some good, some bad, some not anything. **We must learn to see, to accustom the eye to allow things to unblur.** Because, a lot of times when they come everything is blurred by the stimulus, by the circumstance, by the weather. They get blurred, and instead of reacting, we wait for our eyes to clear and become unblurred. And that’s what I said, “To accustom the eye to allow things to unblur.” To do so, to allow that unblurring to take place, to do so you must defer judgment. In other words, don’t judge everything so quick. **Give the Lord a chance. Sometimes He takes us down to bring us up. Sometimes He brings a storm to bring something out of us, whether good or bad, so that it could be exposed.** And this is the work that is going on now, this is it.

And I wrote that final couple of sentences here: **you’re not on the journey yet. For now, just eat the Lamb. Piece by piece.** We’re at the meal table, we’re at the table of the Lord, of the Father. Just eat pieces as you go. Don’t try to gorge. Just eat pieces as you go. And then, **when the time comes, the Vine Life will fill your little twig, and the journey will begin.** Let’s trust the Lord.

Father, I thank you for what Scot shared. I thank you that the focus is correct. The focus, Lord, that we may eat the Lamb. That we may, Father, take in more of the Son of your love. The Son of your love. The Son of your love. We ask you that you calm us. Lord, some are waiting for the wind to knock down our house so that great things can happen. **Father, may the breeze of the Holy Spirit come and bring calmness and patience as our hearts trust you, knowing if at this moment the weather is blocking your Sky, your Sun, Father...that in our hearts, we know, we have patience. We know that He is there and He will appear and we don’t have to be panicky.**

Father, let the Spirit right now move upon your people, wherever they are, Lord. In Holland, Father, and the folks in Belgium, and in Ireland, and the folks in many different States in this country. Let your Spirit begin to fall upon them to trust in your guidance, your Spirit to be there for us right now, maybe in light ways to calm us, but soon to be in leading ways as the cloud and as the fire by night.

**We are together, Father.** This flock, this flock of yours at New Creation and all of those who gather to us, Father, on Skype...we’re no faster than the slowest sheep. **So we wait, and we trust, and we believe, and we eat. We eat. Piece by piece. We drink, sip by sip. Of the life of the Vine. And we trust that you will bring us to our intended end. In Jesus’ name, in Jesus’ name, and for His glory, for His glory, amen.**

