



Sept. 1, 2018

Dear Friends,

Danny and I send our greetings as we prepare for our busiest month yet. A number of years ago, I had a dream where I walked through a beautiful garden with Jesus. As we walked and He pointed out various flowers, He shared how much His Father loved this garden. He stopped often to admire and praise the plants especially those that were small, appeared to be struggling and nearly dead. I noticed that there were name placards beneath many of the plants. He explained that this was His Father's Garden (The King's Garden). He said that the plants were named after a person who His Father had saved/healed through the love on Our Father's Farm. The King's Garden is a memorial garden honoring God. This garden will also provide a place of peace and beauty for farm residents and staff to enjoy. The garden will be quite large with walking paths and plenty of benches for God encounter times.

We are blessed beyond words for the help of a wonderful group from California who has offered to partner with us in building God's dream! Ground work begins mid-September! We will have before and after pictures for you to see next month. Please consider praying about partnering with us however the Lord should lead you ☺. If you are interested in helping plant, please call Danny at 816-522-9011. May God bless you!

An Encounter from a Dear Friend

I have been hearing a musical phrase since yesterday, so this morning I went to the piano and started playing that motif. I kept playing as I was in this encounter and wept all the way through. I saw that Jesus and I were walking on a path and we each held a big lantern. I chuckled as I walked beside Him because I knew that we didn't need any light; it was daylight. This playfulness of Jesus makes my heart so curious and happy; but I kept quiet and continued walking next to Him.

We sat on a stone bench together. In front of us was each life (plants, flowers, tall grasses). He talked with me and I understood that He is showing me the King's garden. And He is showing me and telling me stories of lives. His voice is particularly gentle, kind. He told me all the stories of Love Conquering All, especially love conquering fear and self-centeredness. It's a beautiful place, fully grown. Then, in front of my eyes, as if telling me all the stories from beginning to end, the garden went through all the growing cycles from beginning plants (I could also see the plants from beginning seed stage to the small plant stage) to four seasons and years of four seasons, and now a mature garden. He said, "I am particularly fond of the ones that began as small, timid, and weak. They have made the biggest growth and have the strongest fragrance of love."

I smelled something and asked what it is. He said, "It's the fragrance of the garden of love - the accumulated fragrance from every stage, all combined together. I was surprised because it was not a pure "flower smell". I asked why it's not a pure flower smell. It reminded me that it is the fragrance of cedar wood oil (earthy, woody) mixed with floral oils. He said, "It's the fragrance of beautiful deaths—seeds that fall to the ground, choosing to die in order to live." And right away, He showed me the differences of smells of death - the smell of "dead-dead" (rotten, gross, repulsive), and the fragrance of "death to life".

Suddenly, we were in mid-air. He turned to me and asked, "Isn't this just beautiful?" We both looked down at the King's garden. The garden is living and constantly changing. It doesn't stay still-framed, but moving. It was wonderfully beautiful to look at as we traveled.

Next, we're sitting on a beautiful wooden bench. I wondered if He (the carpenter) had handmade this one. We talked. He waved His right arm (like a swinging door motion), and a section/roll of flower garden just popped up! Seeing how surprised, delighted and awed I was He jumped up and twirled around. We were surrounded by a beautiful garden. As He danced around me, the whole earth as far as my eyes could see, became a flower garden. He said, "This is Zephaniah 3 in pictorial form (particularly 3:17, in the context of 3:14-20). And He said, "This is the garden of your heart before Me. And this is what I smell when I am with you." I understood that each person has a unique fragrance out of the garden of his/her heart based on the life lived, the choices made, the words spoken, etc.

As I was overwhelmed by this, He took me again and we flew to Jerusalem. We first went to the "old streets". He showed me areas, shops, the sights and smells, and His heart. Then He took me to a particular street and told me this is the most fragrant part of His heart before His Father when He walked on the earth. This was the path He walked as He set His heart on the cross, and it was the path where He carried His cross. I thought about the term, Via Dolorosa, and pondered this in my heart as I wept and wept - the fragrance of His love, the fragrance of Him.

He said, "Every time you follow Me and take the path of the cross, there is a unique fragrance (the fragrance of Him to Him and the Son to the Father) before The Trinity. Sometimes you go through life and can't seem to see/feel/perceive Me as if I am hiding. Yet, you still choose Him, much like I chose to love and trust My Father in My darkest hour. Those moments are actually a gift from Us—to plant this unique love flower that gives fragrance of Christ—sacrificial love, death unto life. We are particularly fond of this fragrance. It moves Our heart."

I saw a whole garden again (my heart) in mid-air. I wanted to give Him a gift and all I had was a lantern in my hand. I wanted to put the lantern in a special place in the garden so it would point glory (give light) to Him. Knowing my heart, He took me traveling again. I saw the Millennial Kingdom and the City. It was so bright, and I realized that Jesus is much brighter than I have just seen because all of us had become translucent, perfect reflectors of His light. In this place and time, every word, every thought, every intention, every movement is a testimony of His love, which is the perfect spirit of prophecy and the ever increasing of His brightness is so beautiful....Amen!

2019 TRAINING SCHEDULE

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- Advanced Training begins on Monday morning and goes through Friday at 5 pm (orientation is Sunday evening). This training equips you to become a facilitator of God Encounter sessions. This time includes daily bible classes, receiving and practicing the God Encounter sessions in a small group with a trained facilitator on a daily basis. Housing and meals available onsite for the Advanced Training. We do limit the number of attendees; early registration is wise.

2019 TRAINING DATES

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ADVANCED TRAINING: March 24-29

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GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING: Sept. 6-7

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