Leaving and Cleaving

On the night of 18th September, I had a number of dreams, all of which were about realignment and release. In between these dreams, I woke briefly and had a vision which I would like to share with you.

Before me, there stood a large cooking pot containing greenish yellow soup. It was opaque and did not look very palatable. Then a large hand appeared holding an old-fashioned metal sieve, which was plunged under the surface of the soup and then lifted out. I saw it now contained solid chunky spices, shaped like star anise and cinnamon sticks. Then the Lord said, "I am lifting My sons out of the soup of the nations where they have been embroiled. They were allowed to be immersed there to add spice and flavour and input to the soupy situations around them - but now I will lift them out and bring them to Myself." And I said, "Lord, normally when I use spices and then remove them, I throw them away and keep the mixture they have been soaking in. Are these spices that are sons of Yours, yet surrounded by the murky mixture of the world and its ways, going to die?"

Immediately, I heard, "No!" and a picture appeared. It was of the net going into the sea in the last chapter of John, at the direct command of Jesus, and I saw the net bringing out the 153 fish into the light and onto land. I saw Peter meeting with Jesus and being redirected and redeployed. I know 153 is the gematria for the phrase 'sons of God' and saw how those fish (who are sons of God but unknown, unrecognised and unseen) had been hidden deep in the sea (or murky soup), which represents the world and the nations. Then, at the appointed moment in the morning watch, the net would lift them up and bring them to their face to face appointment with the Lord. Then I heard, "It's time for light and sight' and knew somehow it referred both to the fish being brought to the light so others could see them, and yet also, the fish themselves being brought out of the dark places where they had been making a difference and adding flavour. Here, from being quite unseen by the other fishers of men - and not seeing clearly themselves, they are suddenly brought into the light of a new day and a face to face appointment.

This was for the purpose of redeployment. They would receive light and sight. Whereas before they could not see a way out of the situations they had been in (which seemed to a place of darkness and compromise to others who knew them), suddenly they would experience the hand of the Lord lifting them in that sieve up and out of their position. They were then brought onto the solid ground

of receiving fresh understanding of who they were in Christ and their part in the next chapter of Kingdom business.

As I finished recording this vision here, the Lord reminded me of something else He said a little while ago, which I feel I am also to share. He communicates differently with each one of us and we learn to understand His personalised communication style. With me, the Lord often makes simple enigmatic statements. On the surface they seem simple enough to understand. However, I am learning not to jump to conclusions but to sit and wait for Him to clarify His statement. Sometimes this can take days or weeks before I finally get a better understanding of what He meant!

On 9^{th} of July this year, I woke with a song about the Lamb receiving the reward of His suffering. It was a new song and most of it vanished from my memory as I opened my eyes. However, the last two lines come out, 'Come out like Moses and Joshua...its homecoming day'. It made little sense to me and I knew I was about to go on a journey of discovery once again.

As I waited silently, pondering the sentence, I heard the following; "There are many meanings to being gathered to one's people. Abraham was gathered to his people when he died. Moses was gathered to his people when he returned to Egypt to set his people free. Rahab was gathered to her people when Joshua carried out the Jericho campaign, as she could then marry Salmon and become part of the company who believed in the Living God. All of these will be happening in the near future for different ones. Men brought home, men sent on heaven's missions, women set free to be part of the lineage of Christ in the earth."

For the spices being removed from the soup and embraced and gathered to their meeting with the Lord, it was home-coming day. Their chapter of being 'in the soup' was over. This phrase means 'to be in a difficult or troublesome situation'. Moses was removed from the soup of the situation in Egypt and gathered to his wife-to-be and Jethro, the head of his new family. 40 years later, he was again gathered to his people, the Israelites, once he had had his burning bush appointment. Peter's face to face meeting with Jesus on that beach was his 'burning bush' moment. It reoriented him and he was redeployed on a fresh assignment which would require a dying to self, just as it happened with Moses on the back side of the desert.

Moses married his wife Zipporah and then, 40 years later, he was required to marry himself to God's purpose and call in the next chapter. Rahab was gathered out of the murky soup of life in a pagan city and an unclean lifestyle and married to her purpose in the Kingdom of God. In the same way, the sons of God that are being brought to light and sight, will be required to marry themselves to the assignment God has for them. It means 'a leaving and a cleaving'.

In Peter's case, he could not bring himself to a place of light and sight. It required a miraculous catch and the explanation of one who had lain with his head on the breast of the Master, to bring understanding and propel Peter to his redeployment meeting on the beach. He had to leave his boat and his nets once and for all and be led where he personally did not wish to go. Like Elisha who burnt his plough and killed his oxen and then followed Elijah, there is coming a complete separation and severing with the location and station of the old chapter - and fresh instruction for a fresh season.

May all who wish to be vessels of Honour, receive the grace to leave and cleave to the will of God in these days. Set yourself apart and fully embrace your purpose as the last part of the morning watch unfolds. More and more light for better and better sight (and insight) will be your portion, so that you may offer yourselves willingly in the day of His power.

Psa 110:3 Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You [will spring forth] Your young men, who are as the dew.

By the end of the morning watch, all will be clear and full understanding concerning the plans God has for you will be visible. Then you will be able to step forward with full confidence and clarity.

Selah