

**Introduction:**

- One of the beautiful things I love about my wife is her sense of adventure and competitiveness. For as long as I have known her, if I was doing something she wanted to try. If someone else was doing something she wanted to try.
  - IE. Holding a tarantula. "If he can do that, so can I!"
  - IE. Blowing a hard boiled egg out of a shot glass. "If he can do that, so can I!"
  - God is looking for us to have that kind of attitude! Look how He lassos Peter.
- *"About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:25-29, NLT)*
- When Peter saw Jesus walking on water, an amazing thought entered his head: "If HE can do it SO CAN I!" God is looking for people who see Jesus doing amazing things in the Word and then say, "If He can do that, so can I." Well, to do that you have to get the God life flowing in you.

**I. Connecting To The God Life**

- A. The New Birth is all about the New Life that comes to us when we are born again. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV) Jn 15, He is the vine we are the branches. The connection is important in receiving the God life.
1. Zoé is God Life! Jn 10:10 My purpose is that you have Zoé and have it abundantly.
  2. New Birth/ Born Again - is a miracle.
  3. Your spirit is made a NEW Creation. And when it happens your life starts to change by fighting against all that you used to be. God is love. That is now your nature. You want to love him back and love all His people. Every thing that is 'dark' in your life you begin to push against. You are now a lover of Life and Light.
  4. Ps 8:5 says we are made a little lower than God. That is God life! eternal, glorious, powerful.
- B. Christianity is not a religion. It is receiving the nature of God...Eternal Life.
1. The New Life that has come into us is God's Life.
  2. When we are born again we become connected to the God Life.
  3. IE. Traveling the last three days with Kelly. She was working in the car. Two words I heard lots of times was connection and access. "I cant get connected. I am having trouble with my connection. Then came the mountains and "I keep losing my connection."
    - a) Is the connection important? YES
    - b) But the connection is not the access to the other people she works with or the information they must have.

- C. By Faith we are connected to the vine. By faith we experience the new birth. By faith we become new creations in Christ. Faith Connects us to the God life (Zoé). The connection is about accessing the God Life.

## II. Accessing The God Life

- A. We access the Life through the connection called faith. Jn 3:16 *whoever believes in Him would have eternal life*.
1. Based on last weeks comments on the message. I came away feeling that people were more connected to the message of faith than they were to life. More excited about faith than they were about life. Don't get me wrong, I am happy that you made a connection to the Word and your faith was stirred. But...faith is not life.
  2. The connection is important but it is not the life. Faith is important but it is not the Zoé.
  3. I use my faith to access life. I use my faith to get to life.
- B. The Life (zoé) is in the vine. Jesus was filled with the life of God. *"The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son."* (John 5:26, NLT) So if I am in Him this life is in me! (\*1 Jn 5:11-13)
1. We saw God, in Christ, calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee.
  2. We saw God, in Christ, enabling Him to walk on the waves.
  3. We saw God, in Christ, multiply bread and fish. And everyone watching said, **"If HE can do it SO CAN I!"**
- C. *"And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life."* (1 John 5:11-12, NLT)
- D. This life is supernatural! Are you starting to see the infinite possibilities that reside in us.
1. *"Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you."* (Ephesians 3:20, TPT)
  2. Mt 19:26 tells us that all things are possible with God. And nothing shall be impossible for us. Mt 17:21.
  3. When we yield to the inward LIFE we are yielding to God. He can now work through us.

## III. Living The God Life

- A. Jesus is the perfect picture of a man living the God Life! Storms, healings, raise from dead.
1. Living Water *"Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.""* (John 4:10, NLT) Zoé water!
  2. Bread of Life *"Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35, NLT) "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.""* (John 4:14, NLT)

3. I AM the Life *"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6, ESV)
- B. We are called to be like Him. *"And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."* (Mark 16:17-18, ESV) **"I can do that!"**
1. We have to take every opportunity we get to access the Life of God for others.
  2. If someone is not healed we push all the harder into the Word until we do.
- C. We are new creatures in Christ. Filled with God life.
1. We must change our confession. A confession is an affirmation of something we believe.
  2. I am who He says I am. I am what the Word says I am.
- D. The children of God are dominated by Eternal Life.
- E. Our minds must be renewed through the Word thus bringing our bodies into subjection to the Word.
- F. Zoé - is a vitality of life. It is living not just alive. It is a new kind of life. It is eternal life....forever alive. And it starts the moment you are born again. *Whoever believes shall have eternal life.* Jn 3:16. Zoé, is the very nature of God imputed/put in the recreated/born again man! God life in us! This new kind of life recreates us. Making us new creatures in Christ. Where this life is, marriages are strong and healthy. Homes are full of life and peace. Where this life is people are walking in divine health. It doesn't come automatically. This life comes by faith. Our faith accesses the promises and release them to us.

### Conclusion:

- Connect to the God life
- Access the God life
- Live The God Life
- Look at Jesus, watch Him...and think like Peter, "If HE can do it SO CAN I!"