

April — June 1986 Word

“My son[s and daughters],

Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked* of him: for whom the Lord LOVETH he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he RECEIVETH... But if ye be without — then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us — shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live?”**

Hebrews 12:5–6, 8–9

* Webster’s defines “rebuke” as “affliction for the purpose of restraint and correction.”

** Webster’s defines “chasten”: “to inflict pain for the purpose of a reclaiming an offender.”

The scripture goes on to say that we are chastened so as to become partakers of the Father’s holiness — that the chastisement is painful and grievous for the moment; however, it produces the fruit of peace and righteousness if we yield our old fallen nature to the hand of the great potter. Our Father is inspecting us, His vineyard, looking for the fruit of the Spirit and is making the corrections needed to bring forth that fruit.

In the last letter, we talked about becoming mature (perfect) — leaving our childish ways, our earthly ties, our idols, so we might know and be born of the one, true God, our Creator.

There is a sorrow and chastisement that leads to death and keeps us of the earthly realm (2 Corinthians 7:10); however, for those of us who are purposing ourselves to find our place in our Father’s heart — to be received of Him — all our present suffering is meted out from our Father’s watchful hand, and it all works together for our maturity and good. He is removing all the encumbering obstacles which are called spots and blemishes so we might be an extension of His character, and truly, of a fact, be His sons. It is one thing to receive Jesus Christ as Savior, but quite another to embrace the cross and be

reconciled back to God, our Father.

Have you lost a dear one whose life was so much your life that you died inside when your loved one died? Has your family been torn to shreds by circumstances beyond your control? Has pain and sickness gone on so long it seems like it will never end? Has your business failed and all security left you? Now is the time to seek God’s face and reach beyond your circumstances and beyond self and cling to our Father who is a God of mercy and peace and more than willing to share His nature with us as we die out to our old life. Remember that life goes beyond our carnal way of thinking. We are seeking eternal values that make our present suffering bearable.

Are your affections still earthly? Is your life still your own? Do you still run your own life and make your own plans? Is your will powered by self, or have you become the Father’s will on earth? Is your life all put together and rosy without any disruptions? If the answer to all these questions is “yes”, it is only because you still are not being received by our Father. Every man, woman and child will have his turn, for God is reconciling the earth back to Himself. What we do when our reproving comes is up to each of us. We can harden our hearts against God and save our old, selfish, earthly life, or we can relinquish our lives, embrace His chastisements, and ultimately find our place of peace and shelter under His protective wing. Our old selfish

nature cannot enter His kingdom. Now, as in certain times in the past, God is moving on the people all over the world. Will you harden your heart and be cast away from God to live deliciously off the earth for a season, or will you relinquish all now and become the pure and holy body of Christ? Jesus has gone before us and prepared a place in Father's heart for each and every one of us, but it is up to us to seek and find that place. It takes total dedication to the only One who can give us peace and eternal life: our Creator.

America — the country God has chosen to be a light to the world — is much too proud and haughty and strong to be the example the world is looking for. We, as a nation, and individually, have not resisted our old nature to the shedding of our blood. (Hebrews 12:4)

That blood is not physical, but that strength that makes a nation lead by its power rather than by the Spirit.

May God humble us individually and as a nation so the world will see our good works and glorify the One True God, our Father. Then, and only then, will the world look to us and exclaim, "FOR THINE, LORD, IS THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND FOREVER, AMEN."

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8



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AMERICA'S CRY

*When I was young, I had a dream
That I was a land where all could glean —
A living free from the old tyranny.
My God, my God, what has happened to me??*

*I dreamed I was a land for the lowly of heart,
I opened my arms to give all a start —
A new life of freedom and liberty —
My God, my God, what has happened to me??*

*Ah yes! I opened my door to all
"Come, all you who labor" — that was my call.
They came from the North, South, East and West
My house is now full — but there is no REST.*

*What happened to those who were lowly of heart?
Who came to this land to get a new start?
I loved them, blessed them — did all that I planned,
But when they grew rich, they forgot Who I AM.*

*A Land of the poor and Home of the brave,
Not the greedy, or whoremongers who can only behave
Like the animal world — a tooth for a tooth —
Without any mercy — absent of ruth.*

*Lord, One True God of my earth —
I'm crying to You — take this people and birth —
Your Kingdom within my bountiful shores —
So the world will see — it is YOU I adore.
Only YOU, CREATOR of all —
THIS IS AMERICA, do you hear my call?*

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Dear Friends,

It is time once again to greet all of you who are dear to us here at the store, and give you a little of the behind-the-scenes activity. You will begin to see Piecemakers patterns (applique, tole, cross stitch, and stuffed animals) in “grass roots stores” all over the world. the patterns will be simple and easy to do, and exquisite and wonderful to warm our hearts.

Another big leap of faith for us — we are going to have an abundant line of wholesale items for the small “cottage industries” that cannot afford the usual \$100 and \$200 minimums. We will have a walk-in wholesale store on Logan Street. Just a few of the articles we will carry are #12 quilting needles we are having specially made, wreaths, many notions, gifts, ribbon, brass, baskets, flowers, and many more articles. This will not be open to the public but to the small businesses, decorators, etc., who carry a resale number.

It seems there is so much on the drafting board here at the country store, but lack of finances keeps us from accomplishing what we feel is God’s will. it would be so much easier if He gave us the money and then put it on our hearts what to do with it. But then — how would we become people of faith?

Our Julian Bed and Breakfast is also on hold. If we could move in our own timing and according to our will, I’m sure everything would be rolling smoothly; however, again, all will come about in His perfect timing.

*Look for two books to be out by April — **Calico Braided Rug Handbook** and **Hearts from the Prairie** book. And by September, our cookbook should be out... Poor old cookbook... gets shelved continuously because of other priorities!*

After visiting Taiwan, I am convinced God has His people all over the world. We met gracious Chinese people who have become part of our family. They received us as we receive Christ, and they made us part of their lives. People there are also being forced to change. There is great division in families as some members of the family are turning to the Western way and others are trying to keep the status quo.

To all of you, please pray for us, and may God’s protective wing shelter all of us in the days ahead.

Always sincerely,

Marie