

# *~Two Levels of Submission~*

## Two Levels of Submission & Two Kinds of Horses

### I. Ground Level: “Turning to Face”

### II. On Their Back: “Two Becoming One”

#### Two Levels of Submission

There are two levels of submission; the ground level, “turning to face” and on their back, “two becoming one.” The same is true with the Lord. I do not know why, but the Lord will bring some people into the round pen at a young age, and He will leave some people out in the pasture for quite a while before He brings them in. Nonetheless, when we have been called, it is only a matter of time before we give into His will and turn to God. God knows His children and His soon to be children. He is the master of applying pressure and giving relief. Once we step into the round pen with God, He will apply pressure until we turn and face Him. With some people this happens quickly and with others it takes a little longer. I think God uses different methods. With some people He is patient, only standing in the middle of the pen waiting for us to turn and face.

Then with others, He ropes and chokes us a little bit until we cannot breathe any more, and have to come to Him to survive. I do not know why He uses the different methods with different people, but I see this to be true. God let a sickness fall upon me, and I had no other choice but to turn to Him. I wanted to give a half effort. I wanted to acknowledge Him, but still do my own thing. However, when God calls us, He wants to use us, and we cannot go further when we have our head over the fence worrying about things outside the pen. God did not sit and wait in the middle of the pen with me. He stuck a rope around my neck, and took all my air away, until I finally choked down. He did this several times, until finally I found it easier to come to the Lord, instead of doing things my own way. Not that I don’t still require a good choking from time to time, I definitely do. However, my desire is to be solely in His will.

Once we have turned to face the Lord and submitted our will acknowledging Him as our master, then He is able to use us. We are able to take our first step in “two becoming one,” and God is able to start using us. He usually does not try to accomplish many jobs the first few rides, but teaches us how to stay in His will. He works on direction, and life. He gives us direction (Scripture) teaching us how to move, and then He puts life (Holy Spirit) to our feet to help us move in the way He wants us to. God cannot use us when we have not submitted our will. So this is the primary area of God’s focus. We can have all the direction in the world, and tons of life, but if our will is not submitted to His will, we limit God’s ability to work in our life. For us to truly become as one, we must decrease and He must increase, **“He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30)**. We must learn to submit every area of our life to Him. Ground submission (salvation) is only the first step. Submission on the back, “two becoming one” continues until perfection is achieved.

#### Planting Seeds

I will explain the concept of ground submission “turning to face,” and on the back “two

becoming one” by using experiences in my life and using Jesus’ life, which is to be our example. I was raised like a colt that had been around people from the time it was born. Like the colt, I grew up trusting people (God) and felt confidence and security around Him. Just like a colt whose mother was not afraid of people, I grew up trusting in God like my parents did. I don’t ever remember not knowing about Jesus. My mother told me about Him from the time I was born and I grew up saying prayers and going to church. Some of my earliest memories are kneeling beside the bed and saying our nightly prayers with my father, mother and brother. I had seeds planted about the Lord from the time I was very young.

Jesus also started as a seed. This is where we see the first of Jesus in Scripture. Jesus did not appear a full-grown man. Through the Holy Spirit, He was conceived, **“an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit’” (Matthew 1:20)**, and He was carried to term by His mother Mary. After the seed was planted, Mary continued to provide the seed with nutrients and the seed began to form a baby. This is what happens to our colts, if we have planted seeds along the way that we are trustworthy. It is much easier to halter break a colt if they grow up trusting us. When we go to halter break them, they are much easier to work with if they have trust. We do not have to deal with as much self-preservation, fear, and doubt.

The same thing is true about leading people to the Lord. However, as I will explain later in the “Two Kinds of People, Two Kinds of Horses” chapter of the book, if we can get rid of self-preservation by building on comfort and companionship, that is fine. However, we must be careful that the people or horses do not become numb and dull. If this happens with our horses, they will try to walk over the top of us having no respect, and with people, they will have a form of godliness, but denying its power. **“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power” (2 Timothy 3:2-5).**

### **New Birth (Salvation)/Halter Breaking**

When Jesus was ready to be born, Mary gave birth to Jesus. The new creation brought into the world was celebrated. He was the son of God. We are also sons of God, and I will tell the story of when I became born again and received the Spirit of Christ.

When I was around the fourth grade, I remember walking with my mom in Bruneau, Idaho, and accepting the Lord into my heart. The seeds that had been planted in my heart from the time I was very young took root and there was the start of a new creation. I thought that I had accepted the Lord into my heart at a younger age, but there was something different about the time I took a walk with my mom. It was like I had a pulling on my heart that I needed to say the prayer again. Through the Holy Spirit and my mom, the little seed started to get watered and a new creation was born. This is when I believe I received salvation. I said the prayer and when I had finished, I knew without a doubt that I had salvation. I had accepted Jesus Christ into my heart and I had the Spirit of God living inside me, **“You, however, are controlled not by the**

## **sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you” (Romans 8:9).**

I think if we question whether or not we are a Christian and are going to heaven, then that may be a good sign that we have not received salvation. Something changes inside a person when Christ comes inside them and it is an unmistakable feeling. From that moment on I started to mature slowly in my walk with the Lord. Like Jesus, when He was first born, I had to feed the Spirit inside me milk in order to grow. I continued to be taught by my mom and learned more about God from church.

The first step of training a colt is to get them halter broken. We need to be able to handle them. They need to submit their will and accept our will. If they get scared and tight we need to be able to keep hold of them and prevent them from running off. We need to be able to tip their nose (direction/Scripture) and break loose the hindquarters (life/Holy Spirit). Once we have received salvation, this is like submitting our will to God and letting Him halter us. We give our life to Him and say that we will follow Him wherever He chooses to lead us.

Like a colt that has been raised trusting people, halter breaking me was not too difficult. I did not have a lot of bad experiences with God. I grew up trusting Him. I also did not have a lot of self-preservation (fear, doubt) to try to work through. Like a young colt, I might have run against the halter from time to time, but when the slack came tight on the lead rope, I would turn and face the Lord. I knew that Jesus was the only way to heaven, and I knew that He loved me and wanted the best for me.

Like a colt that has been halter broken, the Lord would lead me to do things. Different times in church I would feel the presence of the Lord on me and I knew that I was supposed to get up and say something; what was on my heart. Sometimes the power of the Holy Spirit would be on me so strongly, that I could feel my hands start to shake. The Lord would also lead me to speak to different people about the Lord. I would feel a tugging on my heart and I knew that I was supposed to talk to someone, or give them a scripture.

During this time in my life the Lord continued to lead me to Scripture and I continued to grow in the Lord. I led the team in prayer before every football game, and the Lord would lead me to what He wanted me to say before every game. I would spend time praying about what He wanted me to say and then He would lead me to the Scriptures and He would formulate my prayer. When I would say the prayer before the games, I was always amazed at how it seemed to come together. I always knew that the Lord had a huge hand in what I was saying. I also started a Bible study and had my future brother-in-law and sister-in-law teach it. Just like a person would lead a young horse to pack an elk out during hunting season, the Lord was using me to accomplish jobs.

### **The Maturing Process**

After Jesus began to grow, He was able to eat solid food and the Holy Spirit began to minister to Him. He began to be taught by His father. Jesus was the son of God. However, Jesus is God. He was all God and all man. He was a supernatural being. However, I believe that He was taught by His father and the Holy Spirit just like we are, **“And the child grew and**

**became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him” (Luke 2:40).** Scripture tells us that He grew and was “filled” with wisdom. He was not born with this wisdom, He was taught by His father. I believe He was taught of His father’s ways to be an example for us.

In the same way, when we accept Jesus into our heart we become the son of God, **“because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children” (Romans 8:14-16)** and receive a supernatural spirit. The Holy Spirit can minister to us and we can be taught by our Father. As Jesus matured in size, He began to grow both physically and spiritually. He is recorded as speaking to the elders of the church and leaving them amazed at His questions and knowledge of Scripture, **“Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers” (Luke 2:47).** Just like Jesus, the Holy Spirit can lead us to Scripture, bringing life to the Scripture and increasing our knowledge.

I let the Lord lead me to do little jobs. However, I was not letting the Holy Spirit lead me to Scripture like Jesus had. I mainly received my teaching through Bible studies and church. I was still mainly living off milk, not receiving a lot of revelation from God (meat), so I did not do a lot of growing.

I trusted God and I would follow Him anywhere and do anything for Him. I had no reason to doubt Him. He was always good to me. Just like a colt that likes being with a person, I had no trouble following the Lord. Like most colts I might get distracted, and look around forgetting to keep following right in step with the Lord. However, when the rope came tight I would usually jump back to following Him. I am not saying I was perfect by any means, or that I was always in His perfect will. All I am saying is that I never tried to rebel against God. I always kept my faith in Him. Anytime I would ever get in a tight spot, I always knew I could pray, and I always knew we had a God that answered prayers.

Everything was pretty good in my life until I rededicated my life to the Lord at a rodeo Bible camp when I was sixteen. I told the Lord that I did not want to give Him a half effort. I wanted to help build His Kingdom and wanted to be used by God. The first year after I rededicated my life was one of the best years of my life. I averaged 300 yards per game in football on the Junior Varsity team and we won district. I also suited up with the Varsity all year and the Varsity team ended up second at state. In wrestling, I won district and finished third at state, and in rodeo I won district, won state, and was sixth at Nationals.

However, the next year I started to get sick and remained sick for 3 years. I started getting sick in football my junior year, and got sicker and sicker until I hit a wall during wrestling season. I found myself at the end of the season with strep throat, bronchitis, mononucleosis, and the Epstein bar virus.

I only lost to one kid in wrestling my junior year, and had to quit one week before district for fear of rupturing my spleen. I tried to play football the following spring, finally getting to start at linebacker on Varsity my senior year. However, I had to quit before our first game. I was

getting bad headaches and was weak and tired all the time. The two-a-days in football practice had caused me to have a mono relapse. These relapses would keep recurring for the next 2 years, and I was diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

During this time, I trusted the Lord. I never became like a colt that wanted nothing to do with a person and tried to run away. However, I was not concerned with following the Lord, and I was not letting Him lead me to accomplish any jobs. I had pretty well decided that I did not want to be led for a while, and would like to look around and see what everyone else was doing. Instead of being focused on the Lord, I started to look at many distractions.

Like trying to lead a colt that is focusing on everything else except what you are doing, I did not do much following during this time in my life. I knew that the Lord was right in front of me. I knew that He was good and I could find comfort and relief with Him. However, I just didn't feel like stepping up and following at the time. There had been many people praying for me during this time, praying for a healing so that I could get back to living my life. However, I never seemed to get any better. I remained tired and weak, and was never able to put in more than a half-day's work. If I worked hard for 1 day, I would sometimes have to sleep for 3 days to gain strength again.

A friend of my mom's, Dorothy Payne, who had been praying for me, stopped by one day and said that there was an evangelist living nearby, and I should go and talk to him and have him pray for me. When she stopped by I was not too concerned with the offer. It was nearing my senior year, and I had learned that I could consume a great deal of whiskey. If I couldn't excel in sports, I thought I would excel in drinking. I do not know which one I excelled in more. I had done pretty well in sports, however people were also quite impressed with how fast and how much whisky I could consume. I thought if I couldn't lead the sports teams, I would lead the parties. I wrote several poems, and would jump up and recite these poems and tell jokes between drinks. I was the life of the party.

This went on through my first semester in college, until I started to realize that my life was not going to be very good unless I started following the Lord again. I had known this, but my self-preservation (flesh) and companionship instincts were driving me further from the Lord. However, my other driving factor started to kick in eventually, comfort. I did not have any comfort while I was partying with my friends. I remained tired and weak, and had an empty feeling in my heart. Eventually, I had to turn and face to receive comfort again. The same thing happens with our young horses. It doesn't matter how good we think they are and how much we are able to lead them. If self-preservation and companionship start driving them away, we are limited in what we can accomplish.

However, it is like I tell my class: "As the energy level decreases, self-preservation decreases." When we first catch a colt after they have had some time off, they usually are looking everywhere else, except to us. When we are trying to catch them and saddle them they have lots of energy, do not want to stand, and would rather be with their buddies in the pasture. This is where I was. I did not want to be with God and would rather be with my buddies in the pasture. However, the Lord knows how to use pressure and relief. It's like Ray Hunt says, "Make the wrong thing difficult and the right thing easy." The Lord is very good at this.

Although, at first I thought I received comfort with my friends partying, the more time I spent with them away from God, the more tired I got. The Lord made me work harder and harder the more time I spent worrying about the companionship with my friends. Eventually as my energy level decreased enough, killing off my self-preservation, I started looking somewhere else for comfort and relief. As soon as I turned to the Lord, I received comfort and relief like I had never felt before.

### **“Two Becoming One”**

Before I had gotten sick, the Lord led me to do certain jobs, but the Lord did not want to lead me anymore. The Lord wanted to prepare me to be saddled so He could get on me, and we could start becoming one. Like a colt that has been worked with a flag, I was tired and looking for a better deal. I did not want to run around anymore preventing the Lord from saddling me. I was ready to submit to whatever the Lord had in store for me.

I was no longer driven by my *self-preservation* and *companionship* with my buddies. I was looking for a place to find *comfort*. I remembered what Dorothy Payne said about the evangelist guy. It had been 3 months since she had dropped by telling me about him. I thought I would call him the next morning. The next morning when I woke up, my dad said that Dorothy had called with a phone number of an evangelist. I was totally amazed. I thought “Ok Lord, I guess I am supposed to go visit this guy.”

The man’s name was Timothy St. George. I went to his house and visited with him for about 2 hours. It was good. I could tell he was a man of God, and what he said was very interesting. However, toward the end I was wishing he would hurry up and pray for me and heal me, so I could be on my way. We had visited for about 2 hours and my little ADD brain was having trouble staying focused. He was talking about the Spirit and his experiences. It was very interesting stuff, but my mind kept drifting off. All of a sudden he got up quickly and put his hand on my head.

When he did this, something hit me that kind of dazed me (it was the power of the Holy Spirit). Then he reached at my chest and said, “Take out this heart of stone.” **“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone” (Ezekiel 36:26)**. He then prayed for about 3 or 4 seconds. I can’t remember what he said, but during this time I could not breathe at all. He then said “Give him a heart of gold to serve you.” When he said this he pushed something into my chest and it was like I received a rush of oxygen. It was like when he reached into my chest the first time, I exhaled all the oxygen that was in my lungs, and when he pushed back into my chest, I inhaled a bunch of oxygen. When he had finished this, he prayed a little more and then sat back down. I sat there a minute a little dazed, and then he told me to go home. I got up and left still a little dazed, and from that moment my life has never been the same.

From that moment it has been a snowball of events of experiencing more and more of the Lord. Within a short time period I started seeing visions, started to be able to hear Him speak to me, had tongues of fire fall on me like at the Pentecost, **“When the day of Pentecost came, they**

**were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:1-4),** I received holy laughter, had the presence of God fall on me so heavily that I could not move, received dreams from God and much more. This was the first step of “On Their Back/Two Becoming One.”

Instead of feeling like I was being led by God to do something, the power of God was becoming manifested in my body. I had a supernatural peace and joy that could have come from only God. I wanted to love everyone I came in contact with. I wanted to be used by God. God started to speak to me and we began to communicate, having conversations. Instead of being led by God, we began to move together.

There are many people that believe different things about salvation and baptism of the Holy Spirit. I will explain what I believe in “Parts of God” in the “Solid Foundation of Maneuvers (Mechanical)” chapter in the book. All I can say is that there will never be total unity with God’s children until we all come into the fullness of Christ, or die and go to heaven. The Lord showed me that the neither the Bible by itself, nor religion by itself, will ever bring us into the fullness of Christ and help us hear from God. No more than only reading texts on horses and attending seminars will make me understand how to work with a horse, or enable me to help others to communicate with a horse. To be able to accomplish something with a horse, we need to have spent time working with the horse. We learn by experience. The Pharisees greatly understood Scripture, but they did not recognize God when He was right in front of their faces. Jesus told them, **“You do not know me or my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also” (John 8:19).** They knew the Scriptures, but God was not a real part of their lives. The Pharisees did not have a foundation built upon communicating with God. Their foundation came only from reading Scripture.

Interpretations of Scriptures are constantly debated, and these interpretations divide God’s children and have segregated us into different denominations and churches. The Lord showed me that the Bible is a treasure map to get us to where we need to go. We would be totally lost without the treasure map; it is vital for Christians. We need the treasure map to get to the treasure. However, when we get to the treasure, there will be no need for the map.

When we go to heaven, I do not believe that we will all walk around with our Bibles like good little Christians and go to Bible study. What would be the point? We would be in the presence of God. All we would have to do is look to Him. To start a Bible study in heaven would be as silly as studying a treasure map when you have already found the treasure. It is my belief that Satan has gotten God’s children tricked into becoming so overwhelmingly focused on the treasure map that we have forgotten about the treasure.

It is like we are all standing around 20 different translations of the original treasure map like a bunch of idiots. We are arguing about whose interpretation of a certain translation of the original treasure map is right. Satan is standing in the corner laughing and having a good old time thinking about the tower of Babel. If he can keep us from becoming united and keep us arguing, he can keep us from the Kingdom of God, **“Do everything without complaining or**

**arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe” (Philippians 2:14-15).** Jesus is standing in the other corner saying, **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6),** and the Holy Spirit is standing right beside us. He wants to take our hand, speak truth to us, and lead us to the Father. Satan has us arguing about what route we are going to take to find the treasure and whose map is right, and we have forgotten that the Holy Spirit is standing right in front of us ready to take us by the hand and lead us to the treasure.

I am not by any means saying that we do not need the Bible. The Bible is the infallible, inspired word of God and we would be totally lost without it, **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (Timothy 3:16).** However, the Bible is not the treasure. Stepping into the presence of God, being taught by God and becoming transformed into the image of Christ, is the treasure, **“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).** Once we have received revelation from God, the truth that we received should ALWAYS line up with the Bible. Then we can use the truth, which lined up with the Bible, to help others to get to the same place.

A person may look at a problem with a horse and develop a solution. There are many possible solutions that will solve the problem. However, it all depends on the methods of the person interpreting the problem as to what solution they use. I cannot use someone else’s interpretation. All I can use is what I have experienced and what has worked in my life to solve the problem.

I have learned to solve every problem in my life and with my horses by using some very simple principles (not that I don’t have any problems, I have plenty). However, the only sure way I have found to work through these problems is by considering these simple principles: self-preservation (flesh), lack of communication (no feel, timing, balance/Holy Spirit), and disobedience (operating through unwilling submission/religion). These principles are what keep us from completing the job. We must have willing submission (give God our entire life), good communication (operating in the Holy Spirit) a solid foundation of maneuvers (revelations from God), and a balanced direction (Scripture) to life (Holy Spirit) ratio, to prevent resistance in completing the job. We also need help and support. When we often feel lost and confused, we need to find someone that is familiar with operating in these principles to help get us back on track. Our brothers and sisters in Christ also give us support to keep us on track.

We can accomplish jobs with our horse by leading them. However, we can accomplish much more when we get on their back. From their back, if we follow the principles, it is not long and we can accomplish much with our horse. However, once we are on their back, if we do not continue to operate through “feel, timing, and balance/good communication” then they will become resentful and fall into unwilling submission. The most important factor after willing submission is communication, communication, communication.

People are entitled to believe whatever they want. However, I know that I was a Christian (had salvation) and then something happened that enabled me to communicate with God. I went from being led by God, to communicating with God. Then we started moving together as one, with the power of God becoming manifested in my life. I believe that what enabled me to communicate with God was becoming baptized in the Holy Spirit.

I will explain my beliefs scripturally later in the book. However, I will tell you that it all depends on the person's heart, "**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God**" (**Matthew 5:8**). I do not think that I received the Holy Spirit when Timothy St. George prayed for me. However, after my heart had changed I reached a point where I could receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is all about the person's heart (read later in the book). I think sometimes that salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit happens all at the same time, like at the Pentecost, "**Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**" (**Acts 2:28**). Then sometimes they are separate, like in Paul's case (**Acts 9:1-19**).

### **Receiving the Holy Spirit**

After Jesus had grown up, the next step we see Jesus in is when He received the Holy Spirit. Jesus was first a seed, then a baby, then an adolescent, and then a man. When it was time to start His ministry, He received the Holy Spirit. After receiving the Holy Spirit, we see a huge change in Jesus' life and the start of His ministry. Jesus did not work one miracle before His baptism. However, after receiving the baptism, He healed the sick and raised the dead, performed many miracles, and brought thousands to the Lord.

We also see that Jesus' speech changed after receiving the Holy Spirit. When He was 12 years old they were amazed at His speech and knowledge of Scripture. When He was 12 years old He told His father and mother that He was about His father's business, "**And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?**" (**Luke 2:49 KJV**). If when He was only an adolescent He knew so much about Scripture that the teachers of the law were amazed, and He told His parents He would be about His father's business, I am pretty sure that He talked about His father more than once from the time He was an adolescent until He was in His thirties and received the Holy Spirit.

However, the interesting thing to me is that nobody tried to stone Jesus for the words that He said before He received the baptism. Although after He had received the baptism, the teachers of the law were constantly enraged at His speech. Why did the teachers of the law go from being impressed with His speech, to being enraged with His speech? The reason is: He was no longer speaking His own words. He was speaking the words given to Him by His father, "**For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it**" (**John 12:49**).

Before the baptism He was speaking from the knowledge that He received from the Holy Spirit. He greatly understood Scripture, having been taught by His father. However, after receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, He was speaking with *power* and *authority*. Speaking as the Spirit gave Him utterance. Scripture says that we will receive power after the Holy Spirit

has come upon us, **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8)**. I have definitely seen a dramatic difference in my life and the power of God has been able to manifest in my life, since receiving the Holy Spirit.

I believe that there are 2 forms of submission, “turning to face/salvation” and “on their back/baptism of the Holy Spirit.” Just like starting a colt, they can happen on the same day, or they can be years apart from each other (2 kinds of horses, 2 kinds of people). It all depends on the heart. When we submit on the ground level “salvation,” this enables us to go to heaven and the Lord is able to lead us to do jobs. When we let Him climb on our back, so to speak (baptism of the Holy Spirit), He is then able to better direct us and use us to do much more. Instead of feeling like you are being led to do something for the Lord, the Lord is able to speak right to you and direct you from within.

However, once we have received the Holy Spirit and can communicate better, this does not mean that we will never run into resistance or tough times. Receiving the Holy Spirit helps us to be able to communicate with God and brings power to our life to build the Kingdom of God. However, we will never fully accomplish the second level of submission “two becoming one,” until we have completely come into the fullness of Christ, **“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13)**. Just like riding a young horse, we will constantly be running into pressure and relief until we learn to stay in God’s perfect will. When we are in the perfect will of God, we have relief, and when we fall out of it we run into pressure. **“...in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation:” (John 16:33)**.

### **Phases We Must Go Through**

We see that after Jesus was baptized, He performed many miracles and did many great things. However, to complete the example that we would have to follow, He had to die a horrible death, an excruciatingly long death. **“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23)**. Jesus was all Spirit, but He came in the Flesh, **“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14)**. He had to kill His flesh for atonement for our sin, and to show us what we must go through to be one with God. In order to come into the fullness of Christ, into perfection, we must kill off every ounce of our flesh, every part of our worldly behaviors and desires. **“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:11)**. The same is true with our horse. In order for us to truly become one with our horse, we must get rid of all self-preservation, fear, doubt, and wanting to do things their way instead of our way. The only way that this will ever happen with our horse or with God is by willing submission, good communication, a solid foundation of maneuvers, and a balanced life to direction ratio. Until this happens, we are constantly running into pressure and relief.

A horse does not go from a wild mustang in the mountains to a bridle horse over night. Our horse must go through phases, and so must we. The entire last section of the book is dedicated to these phases; however, I will give a brief preview.

Jesus was first a **seed**, a seed that came from God and was planted by the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 13**). Like Jesus with Mary, we also have seeds planted and they too must be carried to term. Then He was a **baby**, living off milk, entirely supported by His mother (elementary teaching about Christ). **“You need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!”** (**Hebrews 5:12**). Then He was an **adolescent**, able to eat solid food, and the Holy Spirit and His father began to teach Him, **“But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil”** (**Hebrews 5:14**). Jesus then matured into a **man** and worked as a carpenter into His thirties, until His father finished teaching Him. Then when it was time for His ministry to start, He received the Holy Spirit and we see Him enter into the fifth phase of His life, as a **teacher**. **“The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him”** (**John 3:2**).

What did Jesus teach? He taught the Gospel. However, He did not only teach the Gospel, He demonstrated the Gospel. After receiving the Holy Spirit, we see the power of God manifested through Jesus, **“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him”** (**John 2:11 KJV**). He then glorified His father through countless miracles bringing many people to the Lord. Then Jesus' next phase would be a **sacrifice**. He had to kill off His flesh to free us of our sins and to be our example, **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God”** (**Romans 12:1**). The last phase that Jesus went through on earth, before He was taken home by His father, was achieving **victory over death**, **“Death has been swallowed up in victory”** (**1 Corinthians 15:54**). He totally killed off His flesh. Satan could no longer tempt Him and He did away with the Old Covenant. He then spent the last of His time on earth ministering to His disciples in the Spirit.

I will talk much more about the phases that we must go through in the last section of the book. However, the phases that I just mentioned are the phases that we must go through, and the same phases that our horse goes through. They can basically be divided into 4 phases; man, teacher, sacrifice, and victor over death. First He went through the normal maturing process of a man, from a seed to a full-grown man, learning His father's ways. Then He was a teacher, speaking with power and authority, demonstrating the power of God. Then He became a sacrifice, killing off His flesh. Finally, He conquered death. He died and was resurrected by His father.

In order to truly become one with our horses, or more importantly with God, we must go through the same 4 phases. First, we must grow from being fed only milk to receiving meat from God. Our horse must go from being drawn away by self-preservation, to being drawn in by comfort and companionship, where they can receive the proper groundwork (salvation/growing in the Lord). Then we need to add power to our life by becoming baptized in the Holy Spirit. With our horses, once we have done the proper groundwork and they have submitted on the first level, then it is time to start on the second level, “on their back/two becoming one.” Then we enter into the third phase, where we are constantly running into tribulation and turmoil until we have killed off our flesh (self-preservation) and are able to fall into the perfect will of God, “two becoming one.”

As we kill off more of our flesh, we are then better able to communicate with God and experience more in the Spirit (unity with God). The same is true with our horse. As we begin to kill off their self-preservation and they are drawn to stay in our will through comfort and companionship, we can then begin to experience “True Unity.” Killing off our flesh and experiencing more and more in the Spirit comes through God bringing resurrection power into our life. As the “old man” dies, **“His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility” (Ephesians 2:15)** and Christ becomes formed within us, **“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you” (Galatians 4:19)**, we begin leaving this world and become drawn to our Father. We then find ourselves wanting to please God. We enjoy being with Him and we want to stay in our Father’s will and never leave. The same is true with our horse. I have not totally achieved this with God or with my horses yet. However, I have experienced it and I do believe that this is the way God intended it.

### **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

It is my belief that we are capable of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit at any point, from a newborn baby Christian to a mature man of God like Jesus was. This would be the same as getting on a young colt the first day you ever work with them, or after doing years of groundwork and letting them mature until you are ready to do a job. Jesus is our example: He was the son of God and then He was baptized receiving the Holy Spirit, **“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him” (Matthew 3:16)**. We first become the sons of God and then we are baptized in the Holy Spirit. When we become born again we receive a new creation from God that lives within us, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)**. This new creation is not the Holy Spirit. The new creation cries out Abba Father, **“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir” (Galatians 4:6-7)** and is the brother to Jesus, **“Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:17)**. The Holy Spirit is God; part of the trinity, three in one. The Holy Spirit is not the son of God and the Holy Spirit is not the brother of Jesus.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to bring power to the sons of God, **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8)** and to remind us of Jesus’ teachings, **“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you” (John 14:26)**. He is also our counselor, **“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth” (John 14:16-17)** and our comforter, **“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26 KJV)**. The Holy Spirit is here to help the sons of God. When we accept Jesus into our heart, we become the son of God, and then it is through the power of the Holy Spirit manifesting in our life that we are able to demonstrate the Gospel as Jesus did. Jesus said that we would do what He had been

doing; we would do even greater things because He was going to the Father, **“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father” (John 14:12)**. I was once baffled by this scripture and asked the Lord, “How could we possibly do more than Jesus did? Jesus was the son of God!” As soon as I said this, I heard the Holy Spirit softly say, “Aren’t you the son of God?”

It had never clicked until that moment that the Spirit living inside me was an actual son of God and a brother to Jesus. The new creation was conceived in the same way Jesus was, by the Holy Spirit. **“The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35 KJV)**. Being born again, I had a new being living inside me, “the Spirit of Christ,” that only wanted to please His father and do His father’s will. This is when I fully understood the meaning of being in the flesh and being in Spirit, **“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:24-25)**. This is why Paul said walk in the Spirit and we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16 KJV)**. This is why it is so important to kill off our flesh so that the Spirit of Christ may be manifested in our body, **“until Christ is formed in you” (Galatians 4:19)**.

### **Hungry for God**

If this does not quite line up with your doctrine, or does not make sense, that is ok. Ask the Lord and let the Lord speak truth to you. Please, please do not miss the entire theme of this book, “Communicating with God.” This is the New Covenant. Jesus died so we could return to Eden and be taught by our heavenly Father. Go to God and let God teach you. God wants to teach His children. However, we have to be willing to let Him teach us. I do not have children, but for you parents, I do not think you would turn your back on one of your kids if they were lost and confused. If they came running to you with their arms open, in desperate need of help, I do not see how a parent could turn their back on a young child, on a little kid that only wanted to be held and comforted by their parent.

However, for you parents, don’t you think it would break your heart if you saw one of your children crying in anguish, and you held out your arms to pick them up and hold them and they ran to someone else; someone else that could never love them and care for them like you could? When we are lost and confused we should run to our heavenly Father. He wants to pick us up, love on us, and teach us. How much does your heavenly Father love you? Well, picture Jesus standing with His hands spread wide apart to embrace you. Now picture those hands with nails driven through them, hanging on a cross for you. This is how much God loved His children.

When we picture Jesus hanging on the cross for us, we should fall to our knees, and thank Him for taking our sin and giving us eternal life. However, this is not all He did by dying on the cross. He also opened the lines of communication between God and Man. The purpose of this book is not to teach you about God, but to help you realize that **WE CAN BE TAUGHT BY GOD**, and to inspire you to go boldly to the throne, **“Let us therefore come boldly unto the**

**throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).**

How long did Moses spend on the mountain before he heard from God? How long did the early disciples spend in prayer waiting for God to send the Holy Spirit? How desperate are you to hear from God? Do you go running to God and fall on your knees praying that He will pick you up and teach you? Or do you go running to man for a quick fix?

God speaks life to His people, **“The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63)**. When we start experiencing God, we start experiencing resurrection power in our life. However, as we were given the example by Christ, in order for there to be a resurrection, there must first be death. Jesus did not die a quick death. It was a long, gruesome, and uncomfortable process. EVERY time in my life when I have come to God and have desperately waited to hear from Him with a burning desire in my heart to know Him, He has opened up the heavens. When we are waiting, searching, digging, wanting to know God, we are killing off our flesh. After we start killing off pieces of our flesh, then we can start experiencing resurrection life.

When I was playing football in junior high, they never did let me carry the ball very much. I loved to hit, and I would veer from a straight path to the goal line to turn and hit somebody. I thought how much sweeter it would be to trot over the goal line after knocking somebody on their butt. However, this usually never was the case. I was such a little fart that I would put everything into the hit and after I hit them, if I did knock them down, I would usually trip over them. In the kick returns, I would catch the ball and run as fast as I could at somebody. It wouldn't matter if it was a lineman twice my size. I would run full throttle and give everything I had in crashing into them.

It wasn't until high school that I figured out it was ok to dodge people. I used to get so frustrated when I would line up to hit somebody and they would move. That's why I liked hitting big people, because they usually didn't move. Instead they would come at me. I don't understand why Christians are not willing to put their heads down and run through a few walls to get to God. We **have to** go through a little opposition to get to God. Jesus told us we would, **“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33)**. However, when we make it through the defense, the victory at the goal line is so sweet! I have made it through and scored a few touchdowns, but I cannot imagine the joy we will receive when we have won the game. Oh what a celebration that will be!

Scripture says that we cannot serve two masters, **“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other” (Matthew 6:24)**. We are either playing for one team or the other; the Spirit team (God) or the flesh team (the world). I have definitely scored points for both teams, and one thing I have learned is that it is just like football, momentum is everything. The more points we score, the easier it is to keep on scoring. The more points I score for the Spirit team, the easier it is to keep scoring and the tougher the defense gets for the flesh team, and vice versa. It is as Paul said, **“but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of**

**my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members” (Romans 7:23).** It is a battle. What team are you playing for? Is the primary goal of your average day focused on building God’s Kingdom, or your kingdom? God tells us that there is no middle ground. If we are lukewarm He will spit us out of his mouth, **“So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth” (Revelation 3:16).** I do not know why, but for some reason I have a strong offense. I am driving hard for either one goal post or the other. I do not spend much time hanging around in the middle of the field. I have scored plenty of points for the flesh team. However, my heart’s desire is to be on the Spirit team and charge for the Lord’s goal posts.

I have charged after the Lord at full throttle. When I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit it was as if God handed me a football, and there was nothing that I was going to let stand in the way between God and me. The only thing standing between God and me is my flesh. When I have totally killed my flesh, I will be dead and my Father will resurrect my Spirit and take me home. However, the more of my flesh I kill off while being on earth, the more life my Father can resurrect in my Spirit and the more I can experience God on earth.

I’ve spent days fasting and praying before the Lord, wanting to know God. I have gone weeks in total anguish in my Spirit, desperately wanting to hear from God. The new creation **“cries!”** out Abba Father, **“but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father’” (Romans 8:15).** Romans 8 goes on to say that creation **waits** for the manifestation of the sons of God and is in **frustration** until it be delivered from the bondage; the whole creation **groans** and **travails**. Even we **groan** within ourselves, **waiting** for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body, **“The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies” (Romans 8:19-23).** Our Spirit desperately wants to hear from God.

I once spent an entire night freezing, sitting on a 5-gallon bucket, waiting to hear from God. That is kind of a funny story. I wanted to hear from God so badly that I decided I would present myself as a living sacrifice, **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship” (Romans 12:1).** I plopped down on a 5-gallon bucket out in the corral and said I would not move until I heard from God. It was in the middle of the summer and it was not very cold at all. It was in the evening and I was wearing a light windbreaker when I decided to wait for God.

It started out great. I was praying and worshiping the Lord, and became filled with the Holy Spirit. I had a good old time for about a half an hour. Then the wind started to lightly blow, then a little harder, then harder, and in less than an hour from the time I sat down, a storm blew in and it stormed all night. I no longer felt the Lord’s presence and I shivered all night long. The next morning when the sun was starting to come up the Lord told me to go in the house. I went in the

house and climbed under a blanket and shivered for about 40 minutes. When I warmed up, I fell asleep and when I woke up the Lord spoke to me.

Another time I was confused with all the different doctrines flying around and had a burning desire to know the truth. I spent 3 weeks in torment praying and searching. One night I spent about an hour and a half just praising and worshipping the Lord by myself. When I went to bed, the Lord opened the heavens and poured down on me. From about 11:00 at night to 6:00 in the morning the Lord gave me scripture after scripture, answering all my questions.

How hungry are you? Jesus said whoever thirsts let him come to me and he will thirst no more, **“but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14)**. However hungry and however thirsty you are, God will satisfy. If you are satisfied with what you have, it is hard for God to give you more. However, if we come to Him in desperate need of nourishment, He will never send us away hungry or thirsty, **“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty’” (John 6:35)**.

### **Hard Headed Colt**

The Lord is able to speak to me, and the Lord has been able to use me to accomplish much more after I received the Holy Spirit. However, I am like a colt that has a lot of life, sometimes it is hard to direct it. There are 2 kinds of life with our horses and with us, negative and positive. The negative form is driven by self-preservation (flesh), and the positive form is driven by excitement (Holy Spirit). The negative form is obviously not very good, and the positive form is good as long as it gets direction. The life of the horse is often driven by the horse’s energy level (motivation and determination). If this motivation and determination is driven by *confidence*, *comfort*, and *companionship* in us there will likely be few problems. However, if this motivation and determination is driven by *self-preservation*, and *comfort* and *companionship* away from us, we are sure to run into problems. The same is true in our life with the Lord. With our horses and within ourselves, we need to learn to try to get rid of the negative life, and direct the positive life. However, we need to be careful that in directing the positive life we do not do too much directing and take away all the life. I talk more about the importance of keeping a balance between the two in the “Direction and Life” chapter of the book.

If the Lord hadn’t directed my life towards Him, I probably would have been a work-a-holic, an alcoholic or a druggie. I like to go hard at whatever I am doing. I think this is why the Lord let me get Mono, so He could keep me under control, **“To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7)**. There are a lot of horses that have a lot of negative life and no direction. Sometimes we need to let them work a little, to get a little life out of them, so we can direct them. Horses with a lot of life I will sometimes put on 3 legs. I hobble one leg and let them run around on 3 legs. Like us, hopping around on one leg, they get tired a lot sooner and look for comfort and relief much sooner.

As the *energy* starts to decrease, *self-preservation* decreases and they start looking to me for

a better deal (*companionship*). I am then able to offer them *comfort* and relief. When they turn and submit to me, then I am able to get on them and accomplish a job. If I got on them without them submitting, then self-preservation might take over causing them to rebel, and I might shatter any confidence they had in me. The Lord does the same thing with us. He waits for willing submission so we do not become slaves and rebel. However, sometimes God uses a hobble, or ropes us and chokes us a little bit, to help us submit a little sooner.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is my hobble. It doesn't matter how great a level of communication I have with God, if I do not submit my will, then I am like the colt that is running and bucking around, with God standing in the middle of the pen holding a halter, shaking His head at me. However, the hobble helps to take away some of my energy (motivation and determination) so the Lord can use me. A high energy level is fine as long as it is driven by *comfort* and *companionship* and not *self-preservation*. When I feel myself start to get tired, I know that I have been spending too much time in the world (my flesh), and not enough time with the Lord.

When I reach these times, I know I need to turn to the Lord for comfort and relief, and submit to His will. Every time I do this, I instantly feel relief and close to God. We then begin communicating and set out to do a job together having a blast the whole way. However, it has to be my choice. God does not force us into unwilling submission. He gives us free choice.

We need to remember this when we are working with our horses. I think this is why the Lord gave us dominion over the animals, so we could see what we put God through, and so we could see how dumb we are. How many times have we said, "You stupid horse, we just went through this yesterday"? How many times have we become frustrated with our horses, because we feel like we have to re-teach them what they should already know?

How many times does the Lord have to re-teach us? I guess we should remember, how many times God has to remind us that we must submit EVERY area of our life to Him. I know I must be reminded of this daily, so does a horse. I do not always react to the colt's self-preservation with the same patience and compassion that the Lord does with me. However, I have found that if I try to imitate God, acting with patience and compassion while being firm and consistent, it does not take long at all and the colt falls perfectly in line.

God always gives us free choice. When God walks out into the pasture to catch us, if we run to the other side, He will not chase us. He will only move us to a pasture with no food and water. When we get hungry and thirsty enough, He will be standing there to catch us and lead us to cold water to drink and good food (salvation/rededication). Once He has us nourished, then He will ask us to do a job. He will try to get on us (baptism/sanctification) and if we will not let him, He will make us work until we have nothing left and turn to Him for comfort and relief (prodigal son). Some of us He makes work really hard and we give in quickly, and with others He is very patient. Some people never do let God direct them from their back and spend their life being led by God.

God does different things with different people. Some people He halter breaks and starts riding them to do a job, all in the same day (salvation and baptism). With these He does a lot of

teaching from the back. There is often a lot of life and not a lot of direction. Many times there is a lot of self-preservation, and these colts often try to run away and fall back into their old ways. However, once the Lord is able to direct the life and other people do not get in the way (religion), He is able to accomplish a lot.

With others, He halter breaks them and does a lot more groundwork before He gets on them. With these, they may not have as much life when He gets on their back. However, they usually have a lot better direction and are more trustworthy, with less self-preservation. With these the Lord is usually trying to bring the life up, because they may have gotten a little numb from being handled so much on the ground. If God is the only person that has done the groundwork, the person is not numb. However, most of the time other people have handled the person, and they may be a little numb and might have to run into some resistance to get soft again.

I speak more about salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the “Solid Foundation of Maneuvers (Mechanical)” chapter of the book, and I talk more about trying to work with unhandled and handled horses in the “Two Kinds of Horses and Two Kinds of People” chapter of the book. If there is some stuff that does not line up with your doctrine that is ok. When going to men to learn about God, we need to learn to eat the meat and throw out the bone. It is like anything with our horse or with God, it is not real until you experience it. All I know is that I see 2 different levels of submission with my horse and I have gone through 2 different levels of submission with God. The level of my communication with God has been black and white, or day and night, before I received the baptism compared with after. The 2 levels have proven to be true in my life, and it speaks true to me in Scripture.