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Bay Shore, NY 11706**Are You Alone in the Garden?***By Pedro Gelabert*

**Matthew 26:36-39** - "Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." 39 Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.'"

Jesus felt much pain and agony during this time in His life. The knowledge, of what He was about to be engaged in, was enough to frighten and trouble our Lord. How do you feel when you know that you have to go through something all alone? Doesn't it feel terrible when you are intimidated by an unknown situation, much less going through the whole experience without those whom you love? Jesus knows exactly how you feel. He wants you to invite Him, though, into your garden.

**Matthew 26:53-54** - "Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

Even though Jesus felt uneasy about going through with the crucifixion, He knew that His Father could get Him out of that situation at any moment. But, look at the LOVE behind Jesus' conviction about the whole thing! "Yet not as I will, but as you will." Jesus knew that He could depend on His Father to give Him the right attitude about the whole thing and the desire to continue on through with this. Jesus' immense love for us is what caused Him to focus on His Father's Will.

How many times have you found yourself alone in the garden? You look around -- everything seems beautiful and peaceful, but your soul is troubled. Troubled, perhaps, by an unresolved issue between you and your brother. Maybe you still have an attitude with a sister who was only trying to help you grow and mature in Jesus. Or maybe you're too scared about facing this ugly, lonely world all by yourself. Does this sound familiar? Well, Jesus can help you! He wants you to take a walk with Him through the garden of humility and submission. Through the garden where you learn to fall in love with every Word that comes from the mouth of God. Through the garden of trust and confidence, even when you feel the floor is being pulled out from under you. Keep in mind the words of this song and fall in love with the sweet melody of Truth that comes from our Savior's mouth:

He Speaks, and the sound of His Voice is so sweet,  
 That the birds hush their singing.  
 And the melody that He gave to me,  
 Within my heart is ringing.

He walks with me and He talks with me,  
 And He tells me that I am His own!  
 And the joy that we share as we tarry there!  
 There's no other that has *ever, ever* known!

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**“Let your Light so shine...”**

**Matthew 5:16**

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The Lord Provides

Pedro Gelabert

Beloved brothers and sisters:

How amazing and wonderful is the fact that God is interested in meeting every single one of our needs! The Almighty desires for you to experience the joy, happiness, and peace that comes from having a close relationship with Him. Often, though, we don't let Him meet our needs, because we think that we need to meet them on our own.

Check out this wonderful passage Paul shares with the Philippian Church:

*“Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the Gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”* Philippians 4:15-20

When we focus on serving each other, we are not only being used to meet other's needs, but we receive credits to our account in heaven. Paul reminds the Church and us that God **will** (not may) meet **all** (not some) of our needs in Jesus Christ.

All of our needs! Whether emotional, spiritual, financial, personal, sexual, physical, etc. Notice, though, that God meets OUR NEEDS -- not our WANTS.

You may think that you need something, but it may turn out that it is a “want,” rather than a “need.” God is faithful. He meets our needs! Praise be to Him!

Good day and God bless!

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**“The Lord added to their number...”**

**Acts 2:47**

**Baptisms**

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DATE	NAME	TOWN
12/03/02 .....	Erika Shipley .....	Centereach
12/11/02 .....	Keysha Hay.....	Brooklyn
12/20/02 .....	Charles (Kevin) Howard.....	Central Islip

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**“They first gave themselves to the Lord...”**

**2 Corinthians 8:5**

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Weekly Budget		\$ 6,000
DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
01/05/03	345	\$ 7,383
01/12/03	374	\$ 6,077
01/19/03	342	\$ 8,624
01/26/03	375	\$ 4,753

**INWARD REBELLION**

By Melissa Hartman

***“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.” Proverbs 22:15***

***“The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.” Proverbs 29:15***

As faithful servants of God, it is our goal to please Him in the way that we raise our children. As God disciplined the Israelites for their rebellion against Him, we strive to discipline our children so that they will learn to live in submission to us and ultimately in submission to God. Spankings, time outs, and lost privileges are often used to correct ungodly behavior, but are we being complete in our discipline? Are we reaching the true problem areas of our children’s lives?

Here is the issue at hand: When our children disobey us and we discipline them, whether by spanking or reproof, are we through? Does the behavior get dealt with, but not the heart? Remember what God said about the heart:

***“For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13***

**God cares about our hearts! This includes our children’s hearts too.**

When a child is corrected for speaking out of turn or spanked for directly telling you ‘NO’ and defying God’s command of obedience in Ephesians 6:1, (***“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right”***) what is the next response? Does your child pout? Does he/she cry uncontrollably? Does he/she roll their eyes or do they cross their arms or speak to you disrespectfully? Does your child “dilly-dally” when told to do something, or say “I didn’t hear you,” when you know they did?

All of these behaviors are ***evidence*** of inward rebellion. These are portholes into your child’s heart, showing you how they view you and God. We need to teach our children about godly sorrow and true repentance. We need to see the broken spirit and contrite heart and accept nothing less when we discipline. So, if your child’s response to your spanking or reproof is anything other than, “thank you for disciplining me because you and God love me” or “please forgive me for...” then the discipline is only half over.

The problem is this - *we need to focus not only on the behavior of our children, but on the condition of their hearts.* Inward rebellion, left unchallenged in our youth, will have disastrous consequences. Our children will invariably rise up when they become older and rebel against us and God. As parents, we must train them to counter the deceitfulness of their own hearts with the truth of God’s Word. We train them with the prayer that they will be faithful, once they are outside of our immediate care. Remember, it is the content of the heart that determines faithfulness in God’s eyes.

**1 Samuel 16:7** - ***“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things that man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”***

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**“For the building up of the Body...”**

**Ephesians 4:12**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 📖 We will not meet for Wednesday night class on February 12<sup>th</sup> (L.I.) and February 26<sup>th</sup> (City) 2003.
- 📖 **Attention all Women:** The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Women’s Day will be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant, located at 1132 Hempstead Turnpike in Franklin Square. This year’s topic is “...train the younger women...” (Titus 2:3-5). Registration will be taking place in the chapel lobby, before and after Sunday services, beginning March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$21.00 per person.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 If you would like to send a Church bulletin or a Bible study to an interested relative/friend on a regular basis, please contact our brother Jack Peisel.
- 📖 All announcements and address/telephone changes should be submitted to Derek Peterson.

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT**

- ✚ Good News Stand.....Sayville, New York
- ✚ Paolo Di Luca.....Italy
- ✚ Apologetics Press .....International
- ✚ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✚ Ron Clayton.....India

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**“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”**

**1 Thessalonians 1:8**

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**COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES**

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*New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, NY*

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert ....(646) 226-2361  
*Plattdeutsche Restaurant, 1132 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, NY*

**UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS**

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Bob Danklefsen, and Joe Barker. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

We Care Campaign Itinerary

<b>2003</b>	<b>Location</b>
February 7 - 9	Paris, TX (Seminar only)
February 14 - 16	Mt. Vernon, MO (Seminar only)
Feb. 28 - Mar. 2	Rome, GA (Seminar only)
March 7 - 9	Coleman, TX (Seminar only)
March 14 - 16	Bonne Terre, MO (Seminar only)
April 4 - 6	Natchez, MS (Seminar only)
April 24 - May 4	Mt. Vernon, MO