Refections

We as a corporate body in so many ways are detached from one one another. This has left us fragmented from attaining a greater Glory available to us now. I believe the Lord is looking to build something. Let's look at what can be ours if we choose to press in.

Quick note: what Jesus did on the cross already gives the new believer a starter portion of Glory by the Blood. This study is how to increase it and learn what it forms for Heaven and eachother.

Genesis 1:27 esv

God created man in his <u>own image</u>, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

2 Cor 4:6 esv

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

What do we see when we look into a mirror?

Isaiah 60:1-5 esv

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
(Amplified:And the glory and brilliance of the LORD has risen upon you.)
3 And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,a
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

It pays to relfect the Lord on this Earth-Spiritually and provisionally.

The Israeli people shared a sense of family from deep rooted culture, teachings and the festivals. Most people in the West know only small pieces to such a picture. Even so Jesus always had this plan for His family. Isreal managed their culture through a fallen world and at great expense. The Great news about Christ is that He teaches the formation of a new culture, a

new family who is to be so nit together that when one suffers we all suffer (or resond), and when one rejoices we all rejoice (actually feel joyful). If one <u>living humbly</u> has a lack, then that lack is easily swallowed up by the church family, but if not living humbly, the wise of the group offers counsel concerning the matter. Using the Love <u>He gave us</u> we can Love one another just as <u>He has Loved us and are called to do so.</u>

John 15:12-14 Amp This is My commandment, that you love and unselfishly seek the best for one another, just as I have loved you.

esv 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends 14 You are <u>my friends</u> (if) you do what I command you.

When the Father looked at Jesus He saw a perfect reflection of Himself, and rightfully so. The Lord made us in His image to see His image when He looks at us too. Although that mirror was shattered with the fall of mankind, as born again believers we are now also a glorious mirror who get to refect His glory back to Him in Christ! Just imagine what a corporate body does for the Lord. Like stars shining bright from the Earth to Heaven.

There are 3 big tools build our refection for both individuals and the Body alike.

•Prayer

•Fasting THE BIG 3

•Giving

Here is where the tire hits the tarmac or runway. All these will move God's hand if done in the right Spirit of course. How about just thinking how these acts can further nit your church family together.

Prayer 1. Secret Place, prayers of Faith, tongues.

Fasting 2. Water or juice fast or finding anything that you can do without but is taking up your time ie. Soc media. Both is best. Wisdom will also help you in this mightily.

Giving 3. Breaking our penny bank is so hard: giving up some money that we worked for! People need to work for their money right? Even the Word says so in

2 Thess 3:10

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

When there is a legitimate need remember what the Lord said:

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

This is why our Master said that giving is more blessed than to recieve! Of course money is not the only we give, but it should play a roll. Giving God's Love is most powerful of all; imagine being stingy with Him.

If anyone wants to go as deep as they can go for the church and their own faith….practice all of the Big 3 with all your ♥

Let's form a massive grid of mirrors that further entreat our Father to visit us more and more until we see His will be done in and through and we see breakthrough after breakthrough! Amen