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What's Going On Around Here

It has been one month since putting my feet on the ground in Alaska, and I've been very busy doing all sorts of things. We've finally gotten to a place where we can see progress on all the projects we've been busy with in preparation for this year's fishing season.

I've talked about order versus chaos in the past but just let me tell you that boat projects can give us a great illustration. Sometimes there are tools, hoses, extension cords, fittings, bolts, nuts, and many other things strewn all around as if a tornado blew through. I'm here to tell you this picture of chaos isn't the end; it's actually the beginning of order and function. I wish I had time to do a time lapse video of some of the projects that happen on boats. You would be amazed and wonder how something began looking like this and ended up looking like that. This time lapse video would elucidate the process of order coming out of chaos. My point is that in the beginning you would see all of this chaos with things strewn all around, but over time things start to change. The project goes

from chaotic to taking form so that it can, in the end, function in its purpose.

What is the main element here? It's the person doing the job! No matter the obstacle or problem that presents itself during the process, you find the proper tool you need for the job and take care of it. When you are done, you move on to the next thing. That is the natural picture, but the spiritual is very important, also. We are living in a world where chaos and confusion is rampant, and you and I as people of the Creator have been assigned a project. Our lives should be adding to the restoration of order instead of adding to the chaos, and our gifts are the tools that YHVH gives us to accomplish the job. When we don't use our gifts to help establish order, we add to the chaos by delaying progress. Without using the proper tools (gifts), the job (restoration) will remain incomplete and chaos will prevail. When we use the proper tools, we are adding to the restoration of order which brings forth purpose and function.

What are your gifts? **Selah!**

what we have IS A HUGE FAILURE

of logic as well as communication *by Joel Sanchez*

As I'm writing, my mind is racing here and there with hot topics and latest trends. I've been doing some research while in Alaska, and the research deals with the next generation ages 18-29. Many people are currently talking about our broken systems, agencies, and government. When corruption is in charge, chaos and decomposition on all fronts manifest. That, my friends, is what we are seeing take place right before us today. Most everything seems to be broken, or dysfunctional, and there is a lack of trust in our political and spiritual leaders. I was reading a statistic put out by The Barna Group recently, and it was pointing out why so many young adults are leaving the faith and fellowships. What most of these young adults mentioned was their lack of faith and confidence in organizations. Due to so much corruption in religion, politics, and big corporations, young adults are very skeptical today.

I say the time is ripe to come out of the closet and let honor and integrity spring forth to combat all this corruption around us. The next generation is tribal. What do I mean by tribal? They like groups, and this is why social media has exploded in this age group. They can be a part of a group or groups or a tribe where they find their place and find meaning and feel accepted. This my friends is another area where I believe we are missing the mark in our fellowships. The way we've done ministry has served its purpose and functioned for the season in which it was ordained, but in order to move forward into what YHVH has next, change has to be implemented. The focus has to shift to a more personal and relational level in order that true discipleship can take place. Videos and audios are super important, but a hands-on, eye-to-eye, face-to-face relationship is where YHVH is taking leaders and talmidim (disciples) in the next phase.

We have sat on the sidelines long enough looking at charts and tirelessly in the film room watching film on our opponent. It's time to step on the field, put our mouthpiece in, and get ready for four quarters of battling it out with our opponent. The gloves have come off, and all the talking leading up to big game has come to an end. The time to perform is NOW! This has been why the preparation has been so tough and testy. I wondered why football practice was so tough during the week, but looking back, it was to prepare us for our opponent. Many of you reading this have been in preparation for years, and you've been sitting on the bench waiting for the Creator to put you in the game. Well, first you need to get up off the bench and go stand by the Creator to let Him know you are ready to enter the field of play. You and I have been equipped with everything we need to defeat our opponent. We have to play to the best of our abilities and play smarter than our opponent, using our gifts and talents while on the field. If we remain sitting on the bench, that is where we will be.

We have to face this thing head on if we are going to bring about positive change. If all the systems are corrupt, why not display and manifest what responsibility, honesty, and integrity are? Instead of secluding ourselves from society, why not jump right into it and let your light shine? At the end of the day, you and I will give an account as to what we did with our resources. I want my life to bear proof, and I don't want to justify and make excuses as to why I wasn't a good steward over the things Abba gave me. I don't want to make excuses and justify why I didn't fulfill my purpose and function in it because, in the end, that's what matters.





Grizzlies at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center in Girdwood

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