Subject: thomas (not doubting) Posted by thomas (not doubting) on Sun, 17 Jun 2012 19:15:16 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hi, thomas here...

I attended H.F's ministry school at the G.B.; and also studied via his cassette tapes. I came into the manifestations of ministry during that time.

My "calling" had occurred much earlier in my life; but I did not know what to do with the God's Calling.

I grew-up in a non-believing family/church environment. My only positive biblical influences came from my Grandmother. Although she "had fallen away in her walk"; she had been an Arbor Methodist and knew God's Word. As far as I know...Arbor Methodists were Bible Believing, Born Again, Holy Spirit Believers; she began my bible training upon what she remembered. That is the primary reason I "did not fit in very well in the Non-Believing Churches"; I, apparently, asked Way Too Many Questions.

I attempted to walk a Christian Walk w/o being Born Again. That experience was profoundly frustrating.

I finally found myself sitting in a pew w/a bunch of German Lutherans. One of their teachings/sermons/beliefs {at least at that time}; "it is the height of presumption to say you are saved". That view did not help me much.

By God's Grace...The Lutheran Charismatic Movement struck some of the members. Through that event; I got saved, etc., etc..

Things began to make more sense in every way.

I wz caught up in the "home church movement". Bcz of that I came in contact w/H.F's. ministry; and began to learn & grow more.

Many of H.F's messages had a profound impact on my life; and "drove me" into the Word to absorb more.

G-ma's teaching also began to come back to mind and make clear sense to me. "Thomas, as you read and study God's Bible, you must allow Him to apply it to you first." "First allow God's Holy Word to pierce you and straighten you out!" "Then you will know what to do with it." Bcz of her early influence; that is how I approached all that I learned. Whether I wz learning on my own or from other anointed sources; G-ma's rule wz my rule for handling truth.

While in H.F.'s school; I recall him saying {in answer to students' questions about ministry}. "If you are called into 5-fold ministry: you will be led to prepare, doors will open, ministry opportunity will occur, go, signs and wonders will follow". "If not; you are not called!" {as I remember it H.F. also mentioned "this path to ministry" on his teaching tapes}. He also mentioned many times..."you did not have to go to cemetery (sic) to be a minister." As ministry began to manifest in my life; I remember H.F. and others congratulating me on the work.

Since that time, and up to the present, I continue to study for one reason. I use study as worship; and as my route to approach God Himself to honor Him. To me...I do not "study for messages"...But I study as Godly Worship & Adoration...Trusting, that as I stand before The Church, I will be a vessel fit for His use.

As a younger man I made mistakes during my early travels & ministry. I pray I make fewer mistakes now. God, please, forgive me for making Any Of Your Little Ones Stumble. "Have I stumbled them unto death?" I Pray Not!!! But He is able to heal them, strengthen them and lift them up!

End of intro...thomas (not doubting)

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