

CHARLIE: Are you there Josh?

JOSH (chuckling): Of course I Am, Charlie! I Am always both there and here with you and inside you!

CHARLIE: You're right, my beloved big brother! Thanks for the reminder. It's just that I still often struggle with FEELING that you're present already. Anyhow, would you please help me to STAY filled with the holy fire of your Spirit? I really do need this.

JOSH: Well... it looks like we're back to square one again, doesn't it, Charlie.  
For I only need to remind you that you're ALWAYS filled with my holy fire!  
But I'm happy to remind you of that when you want me to, little bro!

CHARLIE: Oh yes, Josh! I want you to keep reminding me constantly of that! Please...

JOSH: Are you sure, Charlie? If I keep showing up to remind you that you're FILLED with the fire of my Spirit already, it may kind of...how shall I put it? What I mean is, it may make a kind of—"roadblock"—that will greatly put a damper on some of your ideas, actions and plans. Are you sure you're ready for that?

CHARLIE: Oh yes, Savior God! I AM ready for that. I remember when you came robed in human flesh to our world you ALWAYS walked among us in a Spirit-filled way. You also promised that we were to become as you were in this world, and you even said that we would do the same works as you did—plus—even greater ones! Am I wrong to bring this up right now? You are my much adored Teacher, that's why I'm asking.

JOSH: Of course I know all the things that I have promised to my students, Charlie, and I'm plum tickled delighted that you see me as a great teacher. So yes, beginning with today I'll start reminding you often of your Holy Ghost and Fire indwelling.

I'm so happy that you so passionately want that!

CHARLIE: I do passionately want that, Josh! Thank you for being so kind to do that for me.

JOSH: You're very welcome, Charlie! But now may I lighten your load a bit more by saying something further?

CHARLIE: SureJosh! You're already getting me hooked on carrying a light load!

JOSH: Okay, Charlie, now here's the deal: not to offend, but in my sight you're still very young in the practice of ACCEPTING MY GRACE to just walk in \*freely\* every day to enjoy my company. And I just do not want that healing pleasure to vaporize away from you. So if my frequent reminders start feeling as though they're putting pressure to perform on you, I want to assure you that you can ask me to let up a bit—and I will. Are you hearing my heart, Charlie?  
I've never had a secret agenda to micro-manage you. You can never be truly healed if you start thinking of me in such terms. And I want you to understand this also: I NEED for you to understand this. For only my patience, my love and grace without conditions CAN cause you to desire my presence. And my totally free grace is the ONLY THING that can heal you. We're not trying to grow you up all at once.

CHARLIE: I think I am, Josh, and deep inside I feel so touched by your compassion and understanding.

I worry a bit that some of our readers tracking with our conversation now might think that all of this is going a bit

“too far.”

Am I making sense, big brother?

JOSH: You’re making perfect sense, Charlie. But just to repeat what I just now spoke into your heart—you just mustn’t worry about my other cherished children, or what they might be thinking, okay?

Has it occurred to you that I Am also guiding THEM constantly into deeper realms of my grace, Charlie?

CHARLIE (laughing delightedly!): Actually I had plum forgot about that. Thanks so much for the friendly reminder, Josh. I just can’t describe how your amazing kindness has captured my .

JOSH: You’re always welcome, Charlie!

And have you noticed yet that you are NOW “tuned in” to my real agenda for you? My agenda has always been to capture my heart with my kindness. For only my kindness ever CAN lead you to repentance—or to put it another way—to lead you into a new way or thinking. being and behaving!

Will you please keep making this truth known to all those ones I bring into your life to love and befriend, Charlie?

CHARLIE: You can bet your boots I’ll do that, big brother!

JOSH (laughing out loud!): Well Charlie boy! You can bet YOUR boots that I’m not going to ever be betting

MY boots! I love my boots

—especially my cowboy boots— and I plan to keep them!

CHARLIE: Ride ‘em Cowboy, Josh!

JOSH: Oh, I will Charlie. In fact your in the saddle right behind me now! But you haven’t notice that, have you, Charlie?

CHARLIE(WHEEEEEEE): hahahahahahahahaha! No, but I’m noticing it now!  
(And off we go into the wild, blue yonder, climbing high.....into the sky!!!)