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Opening Prayer

Lord, I pray all that will read this book will sense your divine love and majesty that your honor & glory may be manifested in Jesus mighty name. May your countenance smile through this work to strengthen the redeemed, and to add souls to your kingdom.

Father, I ask you; yes Lord, to charge your assigned ministering angels to accompany this work of faith as posted guards, removing any hindrances that would come against this work. God... I pray, you use this work to show the people that you are the unchanging God.

Your word declares it, that what you were yesterday, you are today, and will be tomorrow! Hebrews 13:8

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Preface

Much of the pressure today is the by-product of uncertainty. We are faced every day with International up risings and turmoil in our streets here in America. We are faced with 13 year old kids bringing guns to school and not afraid to use them.

Because of the emotional unrest, many are losing their jobs and their homes. Life today in this ever changing world can be challenging and dish out its load of unexpected Uncertainty.

Uncertainty or not being prepared for unexpected events can cause anxiety. Anxiety produces worry and worry causes tension, emotional strain and pressure.

This book is a viable tool to give us some insight as to how we can use this pressure of life as a stepping stone to increase our faith and our power with God.

Day after day of inward pressure tends to wear us down and keep our minds focused on the wrong thing. My prayer is that you the reader will realize that these pressures and trials can become a good thing in your Christian pilgrimage and most of all; they will make Christ even more real in your life.

Chapter 1

Turn Up the Steam

I remember as a young boy watching my grandmother place a pressure cooker on the stove and instruct me to steer clear of it because they have been known to blow up. I remember walking by it cautiously as I observed the steam coming out of a small orifice in the top cover. There would be a whistling noise coming forth which fascinated me. I don't claim to know much about these pressure cookers, but I have been told that they cook stuff faster than usual.

The electric eye on the stove would heat the water in the cooker until it produced steam and the orifice on top was designed to keep it from building too much pressure. I can also remember watching my dad fire up a pressure washer that had a boiler on it. The boiler was designed to heat the water flowing through it and turn it to steam.

My dad would use this steam under pressure to wash off some auto parts he had disassembled. My dad was an excellent mechanic at a major truck line and had a good sized garage at his home where he did work on the side to make some extra money. There were instances that the pressure washer would build so much pressure that it would trip a pressure relief valve and fill the whole area around my dad with steam to the point that he could not be seen. This used to scare me and caused me to run back in the house. He needed the hot water to do a proper job of cleaning the parts that he was working with. The pressure washer would not have the cleaning power without the boiler heating the water. The boiler ran off of diesel fuel which was kept in a tank on its chassis. The washer had a connection for a water hose to be screwed on to

and would flow the water through special made tubes in the boiler then out through a hose to the wand my dad held in his hand. In order for the pressure washer to function properly, there had to be a steady flow of water mixed with steam coming out of the hand held wand nozzle. I think you now have the picture in your head that if dad was to clean his parts properly, he had to have a lot of steam coming out the end of his hand held wand. The more pressure he had the more power the washer produced and this was accomplished by the heated water which was converted to steam.

The bottom line would be on this wise, if we want more power at the nozzle, we must turn up the pressure.

We can use an automobile as a demonstration. The automobile is powered by a combustible gasoline engine. The engine is designed with pistons that go up and down in a cylinder with a timed revolution which turns a crank shaft that is converted into a controlled power source that turns a drive shaft which turns the wheels. The pistons are inserted with a supplied amount of gasoline and air. This mixture is then ignited when the piston is at the top stroke. This is a controlled explosion which pushes the piston down thus turning the crank. The gases are allowed to escape through special timed valves which open.

Let's say we are doing 30 miles per hour and we desire to go 65 miles per hour.

We are able to accomplish this by pressing a special pedal which opens a special valve thus forcing more gasoline into the combustion chambers.

Now we have it.

If we desire more power then we must increase the pressure. The same holds true to the old trains and boats that operated by steam. They operated by placing more fuel sources in the fire box which would heat the water to a boiling point and the controlled steam pressure would cause pistons to move special rods that are attached to wheels or propellers which caused them to turn and produce power to move the object. Again, the bottom line is that if we desire and ask for more power then we must increase the pressure.

This same procedure holds true for us in our Christian pilgrimage.

I see people all the time approach their pastor and request prayer for power to have more of God in their life.

There is only one way to get it. (Trials)

1Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing has happened unto you:

13 But rather rejoice, insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory is revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Romans 8:18-23 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Chapter 2

More Fuel On The Way

We just discovered in chapter one that the way to increase power would be to increase the pressure. I say unto you the reader that the way to have more power in our spiritual life is for us to have an increase of pressure. In order to better understand this procedure, we need to go to the word of God.

2 Corinthians 1:8, 9, 10

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:
9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raised the dead:

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doeth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us?

When Paul was in Ephesus which was in Asia, it seemed as if he had gained nothing from the mission. Paul gave us no details except there was some kind of trouble that erupted in this city. He had just escaped death and now this journey seemed hopeless.

Paul spoke of being under such intense pressure that he and the men with him were despaired even of their own lives. It could have been a sickness or it could have been some kind of mob violence. It appears that the Corinthian people knew what the trouble was. Paul informed the people with him that they needed to trust God which could raise the dead.

Paul stated that they were pressed beyond their human strength and the only hope they had was God. This is what pressure will accomplish in us. It will press us out of our selves.

The pressure must be great enough to press us beyond our human strength and any outside source of hope we may be hanging on to. It needs to be powerful enough till we see no hope and if God does not intervene, we will surely suffer defeat. This is how we grow in the walk of faith.

We must come to the end of our selves until we have no hope but the living God. When we come to the end of ourselves and sink down and have no hope in human strength, this is when the victory of the cross comes into shining view.

Remember the old gospel tune, “When I looked up, and He looked down”. Yes dear reader, as we sink down with our trust in him, the Living God reaches through the clouds with those nail scarred hands and lifts us up. God allows us to suffer and be put in a no win situation that we are unable to conquer.

This is better equipping us to comfort others and put our trust more in him.

I have found that when I have come out of a severe trial, that I will have more of the anointing of God on my life and ministry.

Beloved, we are anointed to go through the trial before hand. I believe we could be safe in saying God has anointed us for the position before he places us in it. He is not going to place you there then anoint you. You have been prepared and anointed for the position before you arrive. You dear saint, will be the one with new ideas and able to solve problems that will arise because of the one that lives within you who knows the end from the beginning.

The devil does not realize that the more he is allowed to test you, the more power you are going to have with God when God's grace brings you out on the other side.

There is no such thing as skipping over the mountains tops without going through a valley. What I am trying to say is that the valley experience is like doing your regular exercises which strengthen the muscles. So what are you waiting on, pray that you will be counted worthy to be a faithful soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ?

Are you now ready to flex your muscles? Endure hardness as a good soldier and when life gives you a lemon, make lemonade.

Romans 12:21 tells us to overcome evil with good and in order to do this we must recognize that flesh and blood is not our enemy after all the word tell us in Matthew 5:44 to love our enemies. The word also tells us to live peaceably with all men.

We are to rest in God's divine protection and refuse to retaliate but give place to forbearance which means give God time to work things out. The hurt or wrong may invade our thoughts day and night but every time we think about it, we may have to physically lift our hand up as if giving it to God. Here it is God love the person through me and love me through them. I am at the place right now that it is hard for me to love them but I know that you live within me and you can help me to overcome this and move on to what you have for me. Beloved, to be a successful winner, we must learn how to loose and still maintain a spirit of endurance which will win the prize.

Chapter 3

Surrounded By Influences

As I said in the preview of this book, “Much of the pressures of life today come from good and evil influences. These can be from other human beings or they can be from satanic influences. We are going to make an impression on those around us. My question is, it going to be a positive influence that will help promote the Kingdom of God, or is it going to be a negative influence, usually caused by opening our big mouth without thinking how it will affect those around us.

Dear reader, it is the way that we handle the trials that come upon us that will determine our level of trust in God. If we channel the pressure right, we will allow it to lead us to a place of sincere prayer which will bring us to a place of power.

We will find the Living Christ in this place who is ready to deliver us from the strain and stress which if allowed going unchecked could actually kill us physically.

There is not one person in the whole world worth you allowing them the power to control your life. Only God has that right, if you have completely turned it over to him. God does not expect you to become somebody’s trash can.

There are some people that you just have to love at a distance.

Dear Saints of the most High God, if you desire to climb up the ladder and be able to freely allow God to use your gifts, then you must align yourself with people who are already there.

I assure you that they did not get there overnight. If we align our self with others, we tend to pick up some of their habits. It is a fact that we grow up and learn to become a person by imitating others. We need to read and study the life of our savior Jesus Christ and imitate him, and then we will be more able to influence others in a positive way. You've probably heard preachers make the statement "do as I do". I wonder if we follow them around for a day if we would really like to imitate them. We need to place our trust in God and not man for man will leave you holding his coat.

The trials in our life produce patience and patience is the crowning glory of grace in our Christian life. When we have patience in a trial and God delivers us out of it in his time, then this produces character in us and that is what he is after. This gives us more courage to be examples to others by showing what Christ can do for his children. I believe that is why those chosen before the foundation of the world to be leaders in the end time revival, are usually the ones that have had to brave the hardest trials. The trials we endure in everyday life have brought us to a place of brokenness but have also been used of God to produce character and bring us to a state of maturity to be used for his service. The word says that God is nigh them that are of a broken heart.

Psalms 34:18

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Chapter 4

Grounded In Grace

I am so full of the power of God starting this chapter that I am about to say my Sunday school lesson backwards. My, my, my!! Glory, Glory, Glory!!!!

God is in this book and I ask you the reader right now to take a few moments and call up on his blessed holy name. Day after day of inward pressure tends to wear us down but thank God, his word declares that where sin abounds or has free reigns, the Grace of God did much more abound. *Rom. 5:20*.

I want to emphasize again saints that Christ is in this place to deliver us by his Grace. We are grounded in him and when we realize this in its fullness, we do not feel the pressure of the trial but we feel his abiding presence and grace. Glory!!! I used this story when preaching on this subject some years back and I would like to share it with you. There was this potter who made a beautiful vessel out of clay and set it aside. After a while, the potter decided to place the vessel into the fire that it might be hardened and stay together. In my story, I allowed the vessel to have a voice to better demonstrate to the audience what our life would be like without the trials that test us.

In my story, the potter approached the beautiful vessel and asked if it was ready to go into the fire that it may become hardened and stay together. The vessel began to complain about the way it was made and informed the potter that he did not consult with it about the way it wanted to look. The potter placed it back upon a shelf and left it there for a few days. Later, he decided to see if the vessel had changed its mind and received a sharp reply of no as the vessel began to complain about the way it had been made.

One day the potter checked on the vessel and it was falling apart because of not being hardened by going into the fire. By this time the entire vessel had fallen apart until all it had left was a voice.

The potter asked the vessel if it had changed its mind and received a different reply. It no longer cared how it looked or what church it was to pastor for it was falling apart. This time the potter wet the clay and began to put the vessel back together each time asking it what it wanted to be and look like. The vessel replied, it no longer mattered what it looked like or ministry it was being fashioned for, all it wanted was to be in the body.

The potter placed it into the fire and it was not long until the fire did not hurt. The vessel was being hardened like glass and was singing in the fire. The potter (Christ) takes it out and brushes it off and places it on his Fathers table.

The Father takes off its top lid and retrieves a vessel carrying the precious blood of his son and pours it into the newly formed vessel on the table until the Glory of God is permeating the room.

I ask you dear reader, are you ready to go through the fire? Paul was informed when he had the thorn in the flesh that God's grace is sufficient.

Beloved, the more the trial the stronger the power of God will be to deliver us through the test.

The enemy wants to keep our mind occupied with the cares of this world which causes us to lose our focus with God. If God left us to ourselves, we would become like a stubborn useless vessel.

Chapter 5

Living in a Stretched Society

We are living in a world that seems to be in a hurry to go nowhere. This fast pace tend to work on our physical health and damage our relationships. We all know that relationships must be maintained and need time to cultivate and provide the comfort that we need.

In this chapter, we are going to understand how to manage our time wisely by making room for margin in our busy schedule. Living life in the fast lane will not only wear us out but will also take a toll on our body. This will produce stress which can readily increase our risks of developing chronic health problems. Even a race car needs a pit stop for maintenance for high performance. Like a computer which requires a scheduled time to dump its memory banks, our body needs adequate rest and some down time to unwind.

Don't wait for a heart attack or stroke to cause you to slow your fast paced life down. What good is all your hard work if you are not around to enjoy the fruits of your labor?

We as humans need time to think, relax, and enjoy the life that has been allotted unto us.

Nobody on their death bed ever said, I wish I had spent more time at work? It is time for us to learn the power of saying the word No.

If we do not manage our time wisely, somebody else will do it for us. Learn to take a break and get out of the survival mode we tend to get in when we allow things to over load us.

A lot of people today are over loaded with the cares of this world and have neglected to concentrate on making happy memories with their family which will pay off more in the long run when they reflect back on their life.

Our time with our family should be enjoyable and leave us with some happy memories when they are no longer around. It is time to put some margin in our life which will give us breathing room. I am talking about wisely investing our time where it counts. Margin is the space we allow between our load and our limit.

Did you know that you can invest your time and get a dividend from it but you cannot save it? Once a precious second of your life is gone, you can never get it back. Overload comes when we have too much going on in our life.

Beloved, we could take a day and follow someone and by the end of the day we would know where they invest their time and where their priorities lie for this would surely tell us what the most important things in their life are.

Where we invest our time will reveal what is most important to us. Time cannot be saved, if we don't use it, then we will lose it forever.

People love to take short cuts.

They invent appliances that will save time like microwave ovens etc.

Time cannot be bought but it can be spent and invested. Where are we investing our time? We can invest our time through encouraging words.

A person can tell if your faith is important to you by listening to your words. We need to invest our life in to others by giving back out of the things that we have been blessed with. We can use our time and talents to make a difference in the lives of others. We can invest in people by being a true friend that they can count on no matter what comes their way. The Living God has invested in every one of us and he expects to get a return on his investment. Yes, the Living God invests in common ordinary people and some have made it in to his blessed book called the Holy Bible.

Beloved, we place our self in a survival mode in order to make it through a busy day. In this mode, we can only think of our self and neglect our family. We tend to neglect God in this mode because we hate to think of adding something else to our busy schedule. We do not have to live in over load and survival mode. We can enjoy life and time with our family if we make room for margin which will allow us room to breathe. We can then enjoy our walk with Christ and make our self-available for him to use us. Yes, we can make our self-useful for the master's service. Time is a precious gift and we need to use it wisely. Others may be overloaded but making memories and saying no to family intruders will allow us time to treasure, invest, manage and enjoy the life that the Living God has blessed us with.

Beloved, for the sake of your family please find the off button on that cell phone, and turn off that favorite TV show. Your family needs you after being away on a business trip. What good is saving the world and find that you have lost your family. Ministry begins at home so be the priest of your home and enjoy your beautiful family. Every day, many are losing their jobs, homes, and do not have enough money to pay their bills.

We can read today's newspaper and find ourselves in a barrage of negative attacks which can war against our faith. Some are taking their lives because they feel that there is no way out of their situation. Life seems hopeless to them. Your family needs you now more than ever. We cannot help anybody by trying to be someone that we are not. We need to be who God made us to be and serve his purpose in our generation.

We find in the book of Joel chapter 2 verse 25 that God speaks through his prophet that he is able to **restore** the (**Time**) years that the locust (Sin) hath eaten and goes on to name the **cankerworm**, the **caterpillar** and the **palmerworm**. These in itself would give us some valuable insight to what indulging in sin and making poor choices can bring our way.

WE find in Marks gospel chapter 3 that Jesus himself used the word **restored**. Here he is healing the man with the withered hand. This man was in the temple (Church) and had a hand that was deformed and withered. Jesus told him to stretch forth his hand but did not tell him which hand to stretch forth.

All too often we want to give God what we think is our good hand instead of admitting our weaknesses before an all seeing and all wise God.

What we glean from this is if we stretch forth which would mean to press forward in our Christian walk then God is able to go back and **recover** the years that we think we have lost.

This could be failed relationships and yes even failed marriages. Oh yes dear reader and he is able to restore **(Restructure) (Fix)** what we lost and give us the strength, love and, determination to start these relationships including failed marriages without the mess that caused them to fail. Now this is a place to cry, rejoice and thank the Living God that he is able to restructure us and cause us to be a blessing to those around us.

Chapter 6

Against all Odds

I think this title fits this chapter because so many today including myself are being tested by all the trials and pressures of the world around us.

We as children of God are supposed to be an influence to our environment and not allow our environment to influence us but when is enough not enough?

The enemy of our souls tries to attack us on two sides. One of the ways he does this is to use others to launch an outside attack with the intent to discredit our ability to lead and cause those God placed under us to see us as being weak and unfit for the job or calling on our life.

We get a glimpse of how the enemy tries to discredit our ability to lead my doing a study on the book of Nehemiah.

In the book of Nehemiah, we find one reporting to him that fatigue is setting in and the strength of the workers is giving out.

When we get tired the enemy loves to get our eyes on all the rubble and piles of debris to get us discouraged and lose sight of our goal.

Does not Hebrews 12 tell us to get rid of anything that would hinder or entangle us?

In this setting with Nehemiah, I cannot find where the enemy launched an attack.

They tried in vain to get the leader Nehemiah to come down to a secret meeting that they might ambush him but he refused to come down stating that he was working on a great work. We find that Nehemiah prayed for divine guidance and help and instructed the people that they needed to respect the Lord's position, rest in his protection and reflect back on his provision to sustain the work.

The Bottom line is that we need to trust God more than our emotions.

Our emotions can play games on us and get us thinking wrong.

The attacks on our faith will make us into a humble servant of God and cause us to apply the truth of God's word in mightier ways. They will make us men and women of God that will appreciate and better understand spiritual truths and the real cosmic battle that is going on around us. Our real enemy is not our brother and sister but that fallen angel Satan known as the tempter, deceiver, and accuser of the brethren.

When we take Kingdom priorities serious, the enemy will stir people to raise against us to try to stop us and block the word of God from going forth.

I am familiar with a ministry in the process of regrouping and restructuring its foundation walls and constitution.

This ministry is using as its format the character of the great Nehemiah and his task to rebuild the wall in Jerusalem that had been torn down by conquering armies.

This ministry is studying the sincerity of Nehemiah and his work to rebuild the wall as its motto to regroup and train its ministers.

We see the opposition rising up thru the governor of that land trying to mislead the cause by mocking and calling the workers feeble which means (withered).

He did this by asking could they build a wall that would withstand a mighty army with stones that were old and outdated.

The enemy stated that a fox could tear down their wall trying to cause discouragement among the workers.

FACT: The workers were in hostile territory and were surrounded by their enemies and were in constant fear of being ambushed. FACT: There is no record that an attack from the enemy ever took place therefore this should give us some clarity concerning our adversary. He knows he has already been defeated and he can only threaten us but if we fight from the side of the victory that has already been one then he has no recourse but to retreat.

In this setting, the pressures on the outside were trying to work their way on the inside that they might cause problems among the workers.

Does this sound like our enemy whose main strategy is to divide and conquer?

His plan and strategy has always been one to cause confusion and trick us into thinking and talking like him that we will become discouraged and give up.

Chapter 7

A Light Shines in the Dungeon

I thought I was finished with this book when the Lord dropped this in my Spirit. I want to start by reminding us of the great event in the life of Paul and reflect on the scene where he and Silas had been arrested and beaten as they found themselves in an old Philippian Jail. It was about midnight that they began to sing hymns and give God some praise. Suddenly there was an earthquake and the earth began to shake and tremble. Their chains fell from their bodies and the cell doors opened not only to their cell but everyone in the prison. Are you excited as the jailer in fear struggles to find a torch to see if any had escaped because he knew his life would be required if he were to lose a prisoner however Paul informed him that they were all there. The jailer got saved and washed their wounds. What a powerful manifestation of the power of God in an old Philippian jail. This thought reminds me of some of the trials we go through to prepare us for big ministry. Sometimes have you ever felt like God was not within a million miles of what you are going through? Is it like walking through a dark forest and you know the sun is shining however the trees are so thick that the sunlight is unable to penetrate the darkness unless the wind blows the branches enough to move the leaves? This is a

good illustration of God who knows just how much we can stand and promised to not allow us to be over tempted.

This is what I am talking about in this chapter because God sometimes must tear a man or woman all the way down in order to build them up to fulfill what he has for their life. We can liken it to someone refurbishing a home. I think this would be a good place to get some good insight on what is involved in restoring a home.

Many times in our Christian Pilgrimage, God will allow trouble to come our way to test our inner strength. We can liken this to contractors hired to refurbish or restore an old house. If we would view the work in progress, we might think about hiring a lawyer because there in our yard is all the trash piles that used to be our house. Did we hire the wrong crew, man they have torn our beautiful home all to pieces. First they must strip the house to make sure the foundation is not cracked and make sure the structure is secure. To an outsider, the work would look like they are destroying the house but in reality, they are making sure that the joists are strong and in place and that no termites have damaged the old wood. Once they are satisfy/ed that the foundation and structure is sound then they can begin the process of restoring the home to a beautiful dwelling that will stand for many years.

This is exactly what God will allow to happen to those whom he has purpose for to be leaders in his service.

If you have a calling on your life, it is because God chooses people that are incapable of producing life qualities on their own that will be acceptable in his sight but it is possible for him to do it through us when we give him preeminence in our life. We must come to realize and accept the fact that God had a plan for us as leaders before we were born and all of our life experiences have been a training ground to fulfill this plan in making us the leaders

that will make a difference in our culture and leave a legacy behind for future generations.

When we come to our end we should be so empty from pouring into the life of others that we have nothing left to give.

We must come to the realization that who we are in the body of Christ, is more important than what we can do and accomplish on our own.

My Notes

Chapter 8
Forgive to be forgiven

This book would not be complete if I did not speak about the one thing that will stop the flow of God and that is forgiveness.

I actually had to go through many hurts and trials to see the real picture God is presenting to us.

God gives us a very vivid illustration in the book of Matthew chapter eighteen starting at verses twenty one through thirty five.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

²² Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

²³ Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants

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²⁴ And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵ But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶ The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

²⁷ Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thouwest.

²⁹ And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

³⁰ And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

³² Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

³³ Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?

³⁴ And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

³⁵ So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.

These verses explained.

Here we find a ruling King confronting a servant that owed him roughly 2, 4 million dollars. The King demanded payment and commanded his wife and everything he owned be sold to pay the huge debt.

The servant begged for mercy and time to work it off of which the King knew he could not do even in 3 lifetimes especially with the wage earnings of that day.

The King was moved with compassion and forgave the debt. The servant in this parable then met a servant that owed him roughly \$14.00 and commanded payment be made. The man asked for mercy and time to repay but received none. There was no compassion on the servant that had just received mercy from the King but placed his hand upon the begging servant's throat and had

him placed in prison until the debt could be paid. In this parable the man's fellow servants felt sorry for the injustice and reported the matter to the King who then summoned the wicked servant to appear before him that he might confront him with the injustice to the other servant. He then turned him over to the tormentors until he could pay the huge debt.

The spiritual truth is now before us.

We in our human nature desire some recompense concerning those that have used and hurt us. We want them to feel some of the pain and discomfort we went through but wait? God has forgiven us many times when we did not deserve it.

What if he confronted us and said Jerry, you want me to punish those that hurt you right? I say well yes Lord I would like for them to be on the receiving end that they may feel what it is like and not be so quick to hurt and judge others.

Dear reader, what if he then replied "Jerry I have forgiven you many times but what if I reveal to you through my parable that you stand guilty of breaking my 10 commandments?" Wow, that is a death sentence because the word states if you break one you become guilty of breaking all of them? You then reply "ok Lord help me to forgive but what am I to do if I see them and it reminds me of what they did?" He then would reply "Jerry, you must forgive them because if you don't then I can't forgive you?" (Wow) He then would reply "that's right Jerry, according to my word you must forgive them in order for me to extend mercy to you but just because you forgive them does not mean that I will." Beloved, they must answer to God for their transgression. When you see them your emotions might rise but you just say quietly to

your spirit that you have forgiven them and turned them over to me.

Did you know that God will bring you to a place where you will not only be able to forgive but you will also be willing to help them if they have a need? (What) Yes, he will bring you through the trials and bless you with more than you think you lost including positions and money. You will see him at work in your life and realize you have gained more that you lost and then you will realize he used the ones that hurt you to bring you to maturity that you may walk into the place he ordained you to walk.

Beloved, if he had placed you into the position before, you would not be mature enough to keep the position. We can liken this to a butterfly attempting to get out of its cocoon. If we feel sorry for it and help it out it will be damaged for life and not be able to fly. The struggle is what develops its muscles to prepare it to fly. The same with the trials in our life are preparing us for the predetermined future

God chose for us before he created the world. Our whole life span and purpose was chosen and God downloaded it all into time events, people and places we are supposed to meet and fulfill. Romans 8:28 states that all things both good and bad work together for our good to the called according to his purpose. God will allow us like Abraham, help him get a Son even though God allowed it knowing he was going to open Sara's womb even in her old age. He will allow you growing up to get a drug habit even a bad relationship including a bad marriage.

The best thing about God is when he is ready to elevate you, he will allow you to bring all of that with you as educational

experience which has matured you to be what he has called and chosen you to be and become the man and woman of God chosen for a divine purpose.

It don't matter how much we have been through if we cannot forgive and show the love of God that is in our heart.

Beloved, everything we attempt to do will be in vain because the two foundational stones God put an emphasis on is love and truth.

The love of God will allow us to love when we are not shown love and forgive when we are not forgiven.

Jesus said for us to love others as ourselves which in doing will fulfill the royal law. A-Men.

These verses need to be preached today:

Matthew 5:23-24 (KJV)

²³Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

²⁴Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

These verses should reveal to us that if we have fault with our brother and sister and attempt to sing, preach or offer something before the Lord especially during a worship service, he will not bless honor or receive it.

Do you think God will have anything to do with a mess like that? I tell you if he did he would be going against his word and the

word says if the blind lead the blind that they both will fall in a ditch. I wonder how many today are getting upset and leave a church only to start one beside it and attempt to take its members. This is a jezebel spirit in action. This spirit speaks to the person convincing them that they can run the church better than the other pastor that spent time working with them and sharing their wisdom only to have the person attempt to destroy their church. Beloved, this is really taking place today and revival is the only thing going to clean this mess up. God is soon going to visit this planet with a powerful revival because he must judge the church before he can judge the world. When the true fire of the holiness of God falls, men and women will intensely become aware of their sin. The masks will fall off and what people thought was a moving of the Spirit of God will be exposed as worked up fleshly emotions.

God's judgement will soon be seen by all and some will be removed from their positions because when he was here, he had to rid the temple of the thieves' in-order for the little children and the sick could get into his house.

Chapter 9

Life under Pressure

Matthew 5: 10

⁴Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of God".

I have lived long enough in this world to know that some people cannot be pleased. No matter what you do, they are never satisfied unless they are complaining and griping but they are never

willing to help find a solution.

They want to control the money but never give to the fund. I for one would rather be criticized for doing the right thing than for doing the wrong thing.

Matthew 5:11-12

“Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my name sake. “Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

To begin we need to realize that there are two things in this world that cause conflict, war and divorce.

You can trace every ministry, marriage and even businesses that has failed to these two things and I will list them for you.

1. Pride (God says he hates a proud look)
2. Greed (love for money)

There is much here we do not understand, but what is very obvious is that a spiritual war is taking place between evil spirits and angels of God.

This reveals that in the world which is unseen by us there is a conflict going on, a conflict of the ages between good and evil, light and darkness, God and Satan.

The bible reveals that there are satanic forces and heavenly forces engaged in warfare.

The bible also reveals that we are smack dab in the middle of the whole thing.

The US has been involved in many different conflicts including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars 1 and 2, The Korean War, Vietnam, The Gulf Wars and literally hundreds of other conflicts throughout our history as a nation.

Some of you have fought for your country and know war firsthand.

Those that engage in military conflict have no doubt who their enemies are and develop a plan to defeat them.

Dear reader, there is another battle being waged all around us in the spiritual realm. Unfortunately, those engaged in spiritual warfare most often do not know who their enemies are, have no plan for victory, and have little, if any, training to confront their enemy.

There has been a war going on since before the fall of Satan that many are not even aware of.

Paul gives us this instruction about spiritual warfare that we need to take to heart.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Be strong with the Lord's mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.

1. There Is An Invisible World That Is Just As Real As

The Visible World

Paul ended his life stating that he had fought a good fight and he was not talking about the church down the street.

For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.

While we exist in this present visible world, we also exist simultaneously in the unseen world that Paul describes. The unseen world is described as the place where evil beings exist, but it is also the place Christ, and all believers exist. We Are Involved In an Invisible War, A Cosmic Conflict That Has eternal Implications. The Bible tells us that once Daniel had been praying to God and not receiving an answer to his prayer suddenly an angel came to him and explained the delay in terms of spiritual warfare: Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer.

Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe, so they are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News that is shining upon them. We are human beings but in this war we don't wage war with human plans and methods. We use God's mighty weapons that are mighty to tear down the strongholds of the devil. With these weapons we break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God and conquer their rebellious ideas and forms of worship.

I want to sound the message loud and clear that God is

calling His church to engage Satan in warfare so that we will be strong in the Lord and will be able to break satanic strongholds.

Our weapons are not of this world nor are they visible, but are mighty unseen weapons like prayer, the Word of God, and other things that Satan is terrified of.

Our foe is formidable and his goal is to destroy us and discredit the cause of Christ.

Not everyone that says they are a Christian is a Christian?

Jesus said we can know those that are because of their fruit. Their fruit is embedded in their character. He said we will know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. Dear reader, we can find in the history of the church that persecution always brought revival. When Paul was in Ephesus which was in Asia, it seemed as if he had gained nothing from the mission but defeat and shame. Paul gave us no details except there was some kind of trouble that erupted in this city. He had just escaped death and now this journey seemed hopeless. Paul spoke of being under such intense pressure that he and the men with him were despaired even of their own lives.

It could have been a sickness or it could have been some kind of mob violence. Paul informed the people with him that they needed to trust God which could raise the dead.

Paul stated that they were pressed beyond their human strength and the only hope they had was God. This is what pressure will accomplish in us. It will press us out of our selves. The pressure must be great enough to press us beyond our human strength and any outside source of hope we may be hanging on to. It needs to be powerful enough till we see no hope and if God does

not intervene, we will surely suffer defeat.

This is how we grow in the walk of faith. We must come to the end of our self until we have no hope but the living God.

When we come to the end of our self and sink down until we have no hope in human strength, this is when the victory of the cross comes into shining view.

God never promised any of us that after becoming a Christian that our lives would be without discomfort, discouragement even depression.

Everyone one of us will experience one or the other and sometimes all at once!

It's through these times of difficulty that Jesus becomes more real to us all even if you feel like the ship you are on is sinking, God is there!

God offers faith to us all through the exemplified life Jesus Himself lived.

1 Peter 4:12-14

In the verses listed we discover that Paul describes the persecution and suffering one can expect for being a follower of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4-12 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; 13But rejoice, insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon

you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.(kjb)

1 Corinthians. 10:13 “There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Beloved, because of God’s grace we can take comfort in knowing that he is in complete control. When we feel there is no way out and we seem to be tempted to an incredible extreme, we can take comfort in knowing that we are not alone. God trusts us to be overcomers because he that lives within is greater than he that is in the world. Beloved, we are not ignorant of the enemy’s devices and we have all of the resources we need to be winners.

Let’s be on the alert and be quick to recognize the enemy’s tactics and fight from the side of the victory that has already been won.

Let’s exercise our faith in resisting all attacks and draw support from our fellow Christians and the God of all Grace.

Chapter 10

The Unseen Realm

The living God revealed to me when I was a young seminary student why he made man. He informed me that Satan did not challenge him on his power but on his justice before all that he had created. He said ok, “Let us make man in our own image and likeness”. God made man and gave him free will and you know what happened when man was tested in the Garden of Eden. God made man with the perfect plan in place to redeem man

should he break the one law and fall from grace. God knew that the evil tempter would be there and persuade man to break the law and be sentenced to isolation from him. God knows the end from the beginning and nothing takes him by surprise. God had a plan in place before he made man. He reviewed each life that would be born and knew that man would get so wicked that he would have to send a flood and destroy all but eight of Noah's family. His word says that he waited for the time when Noah would be born. God decided to make a way to save a lower form of life (Man) to save a higher form of life (Angels). There had to be questions in the minds of the angels that stayed loyal to God during satins rebellion. After all, they might have been friends with some of them. I want to tell you that God wiped all the question marks away when he became man's savior and suffered being tried, convicted, and executed as a criminal in man's place. Let's look at it this way, There was this judge who ruled by the letter of the law and would not give anyone a break. One day his mother was brought before him being caught in a terrible crime. She was found guilty and he sentenced her to the fullest extent of the law. He then stepped down from the bench and removed his robe. He stretched out both hands and asked the bailiff to arrest him. He informed the court that there was not any stipulation in the law that would prevent him from serving his mother's sentence.

I don't know how you look at this story, but this heathen judge that did not regard the persons of man, cared enough for his own mother that he was willing serve out her sentence.

Now friend, that is what I call love.

Dear reader, this is what God did for you and for me. He could not make another Adam with God's original blood from the Earth that had been cursed. In the fullness of time, God the word stepped out of eternity and was placed in the virgin Marry for the sole purpose of going to the cross and becoming man's redeemer.

The word declares that "He, who knew no sin, was made

sin for us". Yes, God took off his robe of judgment and paid man's sin debt being made a curse for us.

We have historical records where men have died for their faith being thrown to lions and becoming spectacles for all to see.

In the scriptures below, God is allowing us through the psalmist David, to catch a symbol of his power. Notice the many emblems of protection that is available to all of us.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

Psalms 18:2

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer: my God, my strength, in whom I will trust: my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

My Conclusion

Now that we know who the enemy is and what the battle is about, do you think it would be wise to test the spirit before we give someone a word from God?

Here are three questions to get us started

1. Does it build up?
2. Does it tear down?

3. Does it cause confusion?

Bottom Line:

Anybody can tear down but are we willing to use discernment and offer our hand willingly to the work of God for the up building of his kingdom?

Nehemiah considered the work a great work and against all opposition, he finished the work making the famous statement “The people had a mind to work.”

The Apostle Paul is a person that not only made it into God’s hall of fame but was used of God to give us most of the New Testament which we have in our hands today. He suffered shipwreck several times and was beaten till the bones in his feet were broken. We find in Romans the eight chapter and the eighteenth verse Paul making the statement that “I reckon the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Dear reader, please remember that no matter how much trouble we have such as heartaches or sorrows, there is a reason and purpose for it and our God is at work behind the scenes.

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together (good and bad) for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

We find that the Christian race is exemplified as that of not embracing the swift or strong as the winner but all who win this race are those that endure to the end.

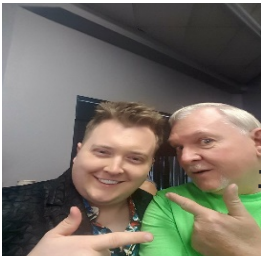
This tells us that to be a winner in this race; we must have a spirit of endurance. Too many times a runner would give up only to

discover that just around the next corner was the finish line.

We already know that when we attempt to do anything for the kingdom of God, we will meet opposition and victory does not come easy but it should help us to know that he is with us and he said in his word that “his Grace is sufficient for our every need”.

Paul would not allow himself to quit, turn back or give in to the pressure of others but with boldness and confidence stated in Philippians three verse fourteen the statement “I press (stretch) toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”.

Dear reader, “You cannot do what you say you can’t do until you attempt to do what you can.”



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