

To my brothers & sisters in Orange County,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write a quiet time series for the brothers and sisters. I'm glad you asked me. Thank you for your sincerity of love and stewardship toward me, your brother in Christ.

I enjoyed writing out this series because it made me feel part of our ministry. I felt connected to my brothers and sisters oddly through my writings. I'm glad for that reason.

I am including a 31-day quiet time & numbered each day. There is no specific order on these quiet times besides the numbering.

Again thank you for asking me to write them. I hope you like them. I just wrote down my thoughts down on paper. I took your advice and "free" wrote. I think it kept my writings more genuine without over analyzing them.

I pray that God uses these writings to benefit the church. I'm a bit shy and insecure about them, but amen. May God do with them as he pleases.

– Steven Morales

Minister's Note:

Paul replied, (while a prisoner for the gospel), "Short time or long – I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains." Acts 26:29

This has truly been Steven's heart, as he has fought for his faith and grown immensely through this time. He never wants people to feel sorry for him, only to pray for him. He feels that this time has saved his life spiritually and I know you will be encouraged by these quiet times. His faith and joy have inspired me and probably helped me, more than I have encouraged him as I have visited him. He was taken into custody in February of 2009, for something that happened about 10 years prior, before he became a disciple.

It has also been amazing to see the love of many of you that have written him, given him financial help, and most of all by your prayers. Many of you are famous in the jail and have become household names within the Bible discussion that he leads there each day – Dan, RL, Bubba, Kevin, Scott, Mauro & many others! To set the stage, he is in an 8 X 10 cell with another inmate, and is allowed out of the cell for 2 hours a day to shower, call his family, watch a little TV & of course, lead the Bible Talk. He gets visits from his family on Friday to Sunday for 45 minutes. There are often times where he has openings on Fridays. If you ever want to visit him, contact Lorena or Scott Sweeney, as he'd be very encouraged. Letters, too, are worth more than gold. You can fill them with your life stories, lessons God is teaching you and scriptures.

Most of all please pray for our brother Steven and his family!

Love & Faith,

Scott Sweeney

1

Free the Captives!

“The spirit of the sovereign Lord is one me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn” Isaiah 61:1-2

The Holy Spirit is in you. You have been chosen to preach the good news to everyone. Men and woman are captive and imprisoned to sin. People need to free them. They have been lied to, deceived and now you are sent to win them back. God has made a creation that is in need. You need to help these men and women. I see the truth more vividly due to being in jail. I see the consequences and enslavement of sin in many forms. People are suffering. Drugs rule people’s lives and I personally see men cry and wish to have better lives away from addictions and poverty. I see the truth of what Satan has created. The devastation and corruption from what God intended from the beginning. This world is enslaved and you have been called to free these men and woman from there own prisons.

Are you saving the needy?

What have you done lately for those in jail or those who live next to you?

I share my thoughts not to make you feel guilt ridden, but I hope that by reading this you get inspired. Free the captives...

2

Join me in suffering for the Gospel

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.” 2 Timothy 1:7-9

Believe that God has given you strength and power. First, you must believe in yourself and stop dwelling on past failures or sufferings. You can go through the most difficult of situations. The bond you have with your God will sustain you through the most horrible of times. You have been given the spirit of power. You will suffer but through the suffering rejoice and keep a godly perspective. Never lose site that God has a plan for you. Satan wants to deceive you and make you think you’re worthless. He wants you to relive the past failures and doubt the power God has given you through his spirit. You have an obligation, and that’s to believe in yourself and not step down from any trial or challenge when winning over souls.

Are you willing to suffer for the gospel?

Are you willing to suffer for another man?

Ask yourself, 'What type of spirit do I have?'

Join me in suffering for the Gospel...

3
I will fear no evil

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”
Psalm 23:4-5

Facing adversity can be scary. Being endangered of losing your life can make any person question their faith in God. In the face of such opposition, we can stand firm. Brothers and sisters you have been given a security detail that you cannot even imagine. In the most dangerous of situations, the Lord will be with you holding your hand.

Will you walk through the valley of the scariest threats and hold your confidence?

Your cup should be overflowing. No place, or situation can take the anointing and abundance of protection you have. Don't ever forget the Lord is your savior.

Fear no evil...

4
I am with you

“One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.’ So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.” Acts 18:9-11

The Lord is with you just the same as he was with Paul. Chapters 17 and 18 of Acts record much opposition and criticism Paul received from nonbelievers. Many times, you will face such oppositions. Hold on! God is using you. No one ever said making a Christian believer was easy. But if you stand firm and don't give up and persevere, men and women will be saved. Paul stood firm and proclaimed the word of God. No one attacked him and believers were made because the Lord was with him. That same Lord is with you...

5
Safety

“He whose walk is blameless is kept safe, but he whose ways are perverse will suddenly fall.” Proverbs 28:18

Lead your life always following God's direction. The Lord has purposefully left us ancient scriptures to guide us. Don't leave the paths he has left behind for you. Hold to his teachings. They are the way of life. Live in safety, security and feel the Lord's protection. Stray and suffer the consequences. You will fall. Destruction is inevitable without God. Obey the commandments and precepts and live a holy pleasing life to our Creator. You must gravitate to the word of God, live within his guidelines, his statutes and the promises will stand firm. Against trials of many kinds, you will succeed. The promise has been made! Live with a purpose and safety...

6

In my mother's womb

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." Exodus 19:5-6

I have been attempting to establish the role you play and how valuable you are in our Kingdom. You must remain loyal and true to God's decrees. You have been chosen to be God's people. You are treasured, loved, protected, and created for God's purpose. Filled with God's Holy Spirit you must act now and redeem his people. From the creation of this planet and the battle that began so long ago between good and evil, you have been given a role to play. Trust the scriptures; you can make a difference. Nothing can stop your progress unless you don't take these words of our Lord seriously. You were created with a purpose; you were knit by God in your mother's womb...

7

You have declared the Lord is your God

"You have declared this day that the LORD is your God and that you will walk in his ways, that you will keep his decrees, commands and laws, and that you will obey him." Deut. 26:17

Today is a new beginning for you. Maybe you have been a Christian for many years or maybe you have just started to believe. But today is a new beginning. Pray and ask God to renew you. Do not linger any longer on whom you were before you met God or what things you have done wrong. Commit today that Jesus is Lord. Re-establish what this means to you personally.

Ask yourself what you would like to see happen in your life.

The Lord is your God. What does that mean to you?

How far are you willing to take it?

Will you obey him?

Will you wake up this morning and make this declaration?

Declare today the Lord is your God...

8

Save them

"But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, 'In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.'" Jude 1:17-18

"Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh." Jude 1:22-23

The Lord is with you; go along on the mission God is calling you to go on. Though some may scoff, remember to show them mercy. Men and woman are in need. Not realizing the ungodly desires they live by will be accounted for. That is why we as

Christian believers are to show them mercy, having compassion on those who are walking toward the “fires.” Snatch them before it’s too late. Save these people. They need you and God is calling you for this very purpose. Save them...

9

You are my servant

“I took you from the ends of the earth; from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. “All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.” Isaiah 41:9-11

God is your strength. Have you not realized the power and influence that you have? Through out most of the Bible there is a recurring message. You are His people. The Lord has called you from amongst many. You have a constant mentor, guide, and help in God. When you feel as if the worries of this life are weighing you down and you can help or guide anyone at that moment, remind yourself to tap into your relationship with Jesus. Go to him when you’re in need of strengthening. Go to him to be revived. The Lord promises to help you when you need him. The opposition you face can be overcome. Remember whom you serve...

10

Strengthen my hands

“When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it – though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates — Sangallo and Geshem sent me this message: ‘Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.’ But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: ‘I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?’” Nehemiah 6:1-3

“Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter in which was written: ‘It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king...’” Nehemiah 6:5-6

“I sent him this reply: ‘Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.’ They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, ‘Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.’ But I prayed, ‘Now strengthen my hands.’” Nehemiah 6:8-9

The story of Nehemiah’s faith, strength and determination is encouraging to read. Even though there was open criticism and opposition, Nehemiah, aware of the harm he faced, continued with building Jerusalem’s wall after Nebuchadnezzar destroyed it in 586 B.C. Nehemiah prayed to God to strengthen his hands. He didn’t give into distractions but stayed focused on his mission. How awesome is that! Nehemiah knew what needed to be done. Satan, through people, tried to distract him, tried to change his focus by having multiple request made to Nehemiah to confer with his opponents, adversaries. Don’t get distracted. Continue forward doing the good works you are doing. Never mind the constant distractions or oppositions. You are working for a people who need to find a sanctuary/refuge in this world. We are the kingdom. You are building up a wall that many will come to live in. Satan knows this. He’s trying to oppose you. Don’t give in. You have a project to attend to. Build the Kingdom. May God strengthen you. For further study on Nehemiah, read Nehemiah chapter 2.

11
My Cup Overflows

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows." Psalm 23:5

Though this scripture has been previously written and talked about in this quiet time series, I chose to revisit the Psalm. Among our enemies, we will feast and recline at a table prepared. We have been given the opportunity to have a success over our circumstances, threats, or situations that we will face. Among the most of devastating times, you have won with our God. You will always have a table prepared of a banquet of blessings through out your lifetime. The one most important factor you are empowered with is the anointing you have received. Believe that though you might feel exasperated, discouraged, even unsuccessful, you are the victor. You are the cup that overflows. Just believe. "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 25:6

12
We are to God the aroma of Christ

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphant procession in Christ and through us spreads every where the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Triumph is what we received and are because of Christ. The road has been paved for us. You must not relent or stray from the God given task that is at hand. I am overjoyed to know that to God I am the aroma of Christ. You and I have the saving power to free those that are dying spiritually. Through God, we can save and be saved. The Lord has blessed us with the knowledge of him. The secret has been revealed to you and you must act upon it. Please consider how special you are to God. You have been placed as a representative for God. You are to God the aroma of Christ... Wow!

13
Not understanding?

"Your eyes have seen all that the Lord did in Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his officials and to all his land. With your own eyes you saw those great trials those miraculous signs and great wonders. But to this day the Lord has not given you a mind that understands or eyes that see or ears that hear." Deuteronomy 29: 2-4

Throughout the journey the Israelites made from Egypt and through the desert, God's chosen people were having a difficult time truly understanding in their hearts that God was there for them. He showed repeatedly his power and strength. He led them through the wildest parts of the land, through territories of hostile kingdoms. Yet Israel didn't understand truly the mighty power of God. Our God. How about you? Do you ever question? What must it take for you to realize the Lord is hovering over you? Watching you and guiding you? We must believe and understand, open our eyes and hear with our ears. God is there for you. He has led you for many years and it's time for you to realize how much power you have in that. Regardless of our circumstance, we must always remember what our Lord has done and the miracles we have seen in our lives.

14
His purpose

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

"What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us." Romans 8:31.

I mess up a lot. I'm not all that spiritually inclined to wander around this earth preaching the things people need to do in obeying God. In all honesty, when I host Bible talks I stutter and get my words all turned around. But I like to remember and consider the above scripture. God is working for my good. I must trust in that. Do you? Do you trust that no matter what the situation, God has your best in mind? I sell short his power. I do. But I also know how wonderful God is. I'm trying to let you know that everything is OK. God is in control. But you need to meet him half way.

15
I am sending you

"Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. I will rescue you from your own people and from the gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26:16-18

You are being sent with a purpose. You have mission. Free the people from slavery to sin. Satan has men and woman trapped, captive. You, however, are free because God almighty has planned for you to be of assistance to him and his will. Will you help? Many years have gone by where I have not been completely sold out for the winning over of the people. The captives. However, now I am seeing how important this mission is. You also are needed and God is calling on you. You have a choice. Are you going to help men and women receive the gift of forgiveness of sin? Are you?

16
Bear fruit

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:29

"I am the vine you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I am in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." John 15:26-27

"When the counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes at from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." John 15:26-27

There is a peace we have that Jesus has given us. A peace in our hearts, so that we do not give away to fear or trouble. So he sends us to go bare fruit. He also warns us to remain in him, and he will remain in us. Then Jesus reminds us that he has chosen you, not you him. As an authority over your calling, Jesus brings forth his wish for you to bear fruit that lasts. Care for the fruit. Nurture and maintain your garden so that it will go well. Share about Jesus. Let the world know. That is why the Spirit of truth has been given to his believers. So in turn, we may believe and share what we have been given.

17
The workers are few

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages teaching in their synagogues, preaching the goodness of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Mathew 9:35-36

The people of this world are harassed and helpless. Men and women are fending on their own, trying to be happy in a world that is driven by Satan. How sad is that? Do you see in your area of living the amounts of people suffering? Broken homes, divorced couples, children without fathers, drug addictions and the like. The world needs major help to return to the living God wants everyone to have. Jesus was sent to lead a movement of redemption. The Lord is preparing a force to return order. To regain the amount of people who have left his protection. The amount of people that have forgotten the ways of the Lord our God. Jesus led this campaign and God is leading it until this day. Are you willing or ready to join the force? We must restore and protect our brothers and sisters. Help the people! They need us. Let's show compassion and help these men and women.

18 We Are Needed

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."
Mathew 25:35-36**

Brothers, sisters, we are needed. There are so many people who are in need. We have been given a responsibility to clothe people, feed people, and love one another. God has chosen us in the whole entire world to look after his people. Regardless of what men and women believe. Regardless of sin or inequities, people may have. The right thing to do is serve. To justify one self by the lack of serving on ones schedule or priority is inhuman and un-Christian like. We are required to obey our Lord. And the life of servitude is essential to our core beliefs. Have you served others lately? What have you done? People are prison, lonely, scared and need some companionship. Others suffer all around the world. Let us care for others. Love one another and be pleased with the service we do.

19 Follow me

"Jesus looked at him and loved him. One thing you lack he said. Go sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Mark 10:21

"I tell you the truth, Jesus replied, "No one who has left home or brother or sister or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age, (homes, brother, sisters, mothers, children and fields – and with them persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life." Mark 10:29-30

In so many ways, I fell short of the teachings of this scripture. Before Jesus said the above scripture, a young man approached him and asked what he must do to inherit eternal life? The above words were Jesus response! The young man spoke sincerely by telling Jesus of how he has followed the commandments since a boy. I too followed Jesus in a similar way. To follow Jesus is to do more than obey certain Christian attributes. Like going to church, volunteering around the church and reading your Bible. Jesus teaches us that the more we give of ourselves and what we have to the poor, we will inherit eternal life. A life of servitude. A selfless approach to those in need. To be like Jesus is to be broke in this lifetime, but rich in deeds that will follow you to eternity. Broke in this lifetime? What are you afraid of? If Jesus is your savior, then why do you trust the amount of the value of a buck more than his words spoken? Don't allow the false security of savings or s 401(k) deceive you. Trust in following Jesus. This young man did. He walked away sad. Follow Jesus give to the poor and be sure of the words spoken by our Savior. Inherit eternal life. (Broke in this lifetime, OK, a little over zealous.) Jesus does promise we will receive 100x's more than what we gave in this life.

20
Persecution

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:10-12

It is inevitable as a man and woman of Christ Jesus: you will face multiple facets of persecutions and hardships for being who you are. The above-mentioned scripture is not written in the context of “if”, but “when”. Even when reading the scripture in Mark 10:29-30, of all the blessings you are promised to receive, if you give all you have for the gospel, as Jesus included, after homes, brothers, sisters, mothers children and fields comes persecution. The sad truth is we will face them. Christ Jesus did. The prophets did. So we also must. We are what this world needs although people might not know it or perceive it. Rejoice; be glad, yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.

21
Make Known What He Has Done

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; Make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name, let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles and the judgments He pronounced. Psalm 105: 1-5

God has done many wonderful things. From years past to now. Your life has a true bearing to his mighty acts. Remember the life you once lived before committing to God? How about while being a Christian? Has God come through for you, when you needed him most? These are valuable reasons to proclaim God’s mighty actions; He has taken on your behalf. That is why even though we might suffer, be persecuted, or wither and die, we know deep down in our hearts that God will save us. Rejoice, I say it again. Rejoice for God is with you! Love God, tell of him and make known what He has done for you.

22
The Rock

“The rain came down, the streams rose, and the wind blew and beat against that house. Yet, it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock”. Matthew 7: 25

Jesus and his teachings that are recorded throughout the New Testament is the rock. God, his father declared each one of Jesus phrases, words and speeches. Every word spoken by his son was exactly what God wanted, proclaimed and recorded. For generations and generations, these ancient scripts have gone through years of memorization and telling. Even how we find God’s words spoken through Jesus neatly put together in our bibles. Now ask yourselves: Are you standing firm on this rock? How committed are you to keeping true to God’s words? The days of testing will come. There will be days of such calamity that the word of God will have to be the thing you hold to. You are the house, the Church. Will you stand? Or will you fall and give up under strain?

23
Ungodly Desires

“But dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Chris foretold. They said to you, “In the last times, there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” Jude 1:17-18

This world is following its own ungodly desires. The more and more I watch news on T.V. broadcasts; I see this prediction written in the Bible come true. So many have denied Jesus, our Christ by the life style they are living. Drunkenness, sexual relationships outside marriage, lavish life styles, all surrounded and driven by selfishness. Sometimes, I detest the things that I see and hear. Let us be the men and women God, our Lord wants us to be. Let us be the example to this lost and perverted world. We must, that's the only hope our generation has. We must act and be like the apostles were for there's...

24
Keep Your Head

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardships, and do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now, there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Keep your head in all situations. I know there are times where doing this is hard. But you must. Through hardships, through difficulties. I say this because as a Christian believer, we will go through it. This might sound like a recurring thought. But as a believer who is currently in jail, suffering, patience, loneliness and well much of the hard stuff that a person can feel in my current situation. Even though, I do feel blessed and happy to live my life, the life God has chosen for me, feeling down, depressed, even tired, He is always there. I encourage you to stay motivated and focused as your mission that God has given you.

25
Richly Rewarded

“So do not throw away your confidence. It will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.” Hebrews 10:35-36

The promises of God are grand. He loves you! How confident are you? How far are you willing to go for Him? We have covered many scriptures of encouragement, faith, fear, courage and duty. I hope through the word of God you can come to a pinnacle. A starting point to reviving or continuing forward. The Kingdom of God needs us – you and I – to persevere and accomplish the things God wants us to accomplish in our communities, families and friends. Be all you can be. Receive the reward promised. You will be richly rewarded. God loves you.

Evangelize and care for the task given. Let us finish our eternal race with zeal. Regardless of our place, we are currently in life. Crown of righteousness awaits us. Let us wear it, you and me.

26
Fill her up to the top, please

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

I look and pray to God everyday to fill me with joy and peace. I look for him to sustain me. I want my joy to come from our relationship and not my surroundings. I want to trust in him, so that I can now deep down in my heart – God did it! Do you feel his cup to the top, please? And believe me when I say to you if you put your trust in him, his power will overflow in you.

27

Whatever he does prospers

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on this law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Psalm 1:1-3.

Stand firm. The psalmist writes of us being like a tree planted by streams of water. Planted firm and strong. Refreshed constantly. We receive strength and counsel for action through the Bible. God's words are a blessing to us who listen, repeat and do. Success is a granted and prosperity guaranteed. Be fruitful. Be blessed.

28

It Will Come to Pass

"The word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, what is this Proverb you have in the land of Israel: The days go by and every vision comes to nothing? Say, to them this is what the Sovereign Lord says. I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it....in Israel. Say to them the days are near, when every vision will be fulfilled." Ezekiel 12:21-23

Every vision will be fulfilled. Don't doubt these promises that are written out in God's Bible. Don't waiver or compromise. God's words will come to fruition. Believe every word and every promise. They are yours to claim. And yours to enjoy. Believe in them. The Lord God has seen and been accused of falsehood and has heard people questions and even down play what is said and recorded. God knows people doubt. God knows he also must act upon his deliverance. The world is watching. And time and time again, He proves by his power what he says goes. Ezekiel says it, I say it, and now you must say it. The promises in the Bible are real. His word is true. And by our mighty God it will come to pass.

29

Restore Me

"Though you have made me see troubles, many and better, you will restore my life again from the depths of the earth. You will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once again." Psalm 71:20-21

Can you relate to this Psalm? Do you feel like you have seen many troubles in your lifetime? I know I have. Brothers and sisters: it is going to be all right. Even though you have gone through much and seen much, God will comfort you. Stand back and reflect on your situation. Ask yourself, "What is God is trying to show me?" When you take this view on troubling circumstances in your life, things can seem clearer. Regardless of what the circumstance is, God will lift you up. Trust in him. He will restore you.

30

Eternal Glory

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes, not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

Eternal glory is ours. Jesus Christ conquered death on our behalf. For his disciples, he hung on a cross. Humbled and beaten, he pushed forward. Therefore we should not loose heart for we know what was achieved. By his death, he assembled for us an everlasting glory that outweighs anything we must face. During our troubles, you must fix your eyes on Him. God will sustain you during your troubles. It is all temporary. But in heaven you will be surrounded with blessing and abundance of love, only God can give. And this will be for eternity. Have you fixed your eyes on heaven?

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Carry Your Cross

“And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple” Luke 14:27

Do you want to be a disciple? Are you willing to give up everything? Remember the things the first century disciples went through for Jesus, our Lord. They conquered lands for God. They crossed over massive deserts. They confronted all who showed opposition to our God. With strength and a fire in their hearts, they rose to each occasion. The battle establishing a people who follow the ways and teachings of Christ has begun centuries ago. Many have suffered. But why? Why would a man and woman join in such an escapade? Because the son of God. Jesus, stripped and flogged, carried a wooden crossbeam up a hill and died. He carried a cross for you. That is why we choose to face suffering of any kind. We follow God because when we were sinners, not even in line with his son Jesus, he loved us. He fought for us. He carried a cross for us. So, we in turn, most carry our cross and follow him our Savior. Are you ready?