

“Five Things God Is Addressing in His Church Right Now”

Despondency of The Believer (Egypt - Exodus 6:1-9)

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land.”

God spoke further to Moses and said to him, “I am the Lord; and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name, Lord, I did not make Myself known to them. I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned. Further-more I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and ***I have remembered My covenant.*** Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the Lord.’” ***So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.***

“Years of hoping, but never seeing can bring you to a place of not wanting to hope or believe that your breakthrough, your deliverance, your healing, your promise has come. You refuse to believe and have lost all expectation of seeing God’s Good Word fulfilled in your life!

“The challenge of this attitude and disposition is that you can be right at your place of blessing and breakthrough and miss it.”

“Word of The Lord”

“You must shake off the garment of unbelief, the garment of despondency as if it were a cloak weighing you down and allow Holy Spirit to stir your heart to rise up in faith and belief once again. You must see the doors are opening before right now! You must walk towards those doors and walk through them!”

Despair of The Believer (Ziklag - 1 Samuel 30:1-6)

Then it happened when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire; and they took captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great, without killing anyone, and carried them off and went their way. When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive. ***Then David and the people who were with him lifted their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep.*** Now David’s two wives had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. Moreover ***David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.***

“You find yourself in a situation you did not, could not have anticipated! Everything seemed fine and out of nowhere you are blindsided by something that you have no answer for. You feel hopeless, helpless to know what to do. There appears to be no way out of your situation. You must know that is exactly what the enemy wants you to think and feel that God has abandoned you!”

“The challenge of being in this place is that you feel isolated and separated from God. You become vulnerable, susceptible to the attacks of the enemy. He wants to wear you down emotionally, mentally and physically.”

Word of The Lord

“You must cast down every thought and imagination that says I am not for you. That says I am not with you! You must encourage yourself by reminding yourself of My faithfulness to you

throughout your entire life even when you were not aware of it. Know that as you seek me and worship me I will strengthen you, replenish you and give you Divine directions, for I have already made a way for you that is yet to be revealed”

The Agony of The Believer (Gethsemane - Luke 22:39-4

And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. When He arrived at the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, **“Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”** Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. **And being in agony He was praying very fervently,** and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and said to them, **“Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”**

There are seasons for every believer that are in pursuit of God and His Will for their lives when a particular situation or circumstance becomes unbearable. In many cases it is an unavoidable crucible that is Divinely part of our process and for many it becomes their breaking point! It is a defining moment that will forever change your life and possibly the lives of others.

The challenge of this moment is that you have a choice to make. You can choose to abort the process, never knowing what was the reward of it, or you can choose to press in and cry out to God Who sees you, knowing that He not only hears your prayers but will answer you!

Word of The Lord

My Divine intentions for you far outweigh the suffering of this season you are in. You must know the destiny for which I have called you to comes with a great price that you must be willing to endure. It is in your humility that My Grace is released and magnified. As you cry out to Me, I will empower you to stand in victory, not only in this situation, but in every situation

Confusion of The Believer (Calvary - Luke 23:33-49)

When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” Now there was also an inscription above Him, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.” One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” Having said this, He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. **And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.**

“Their confusion wasn’t just in what they saw, it was also in what they didn’t see”

Many of them had misplaced expectations. They were looking for something different, a different outcome than what Jesus was saying to them. They were expecting an earthly kingdom that they would rule and reign with Jesus... Now They were confused... Nothing made sense... They were looking through a lens of disbelief and disappointment, fear and regret”

The challenge of “misplaced expectations” is we can become confused and disappointed when the outcome is not what we were expecting or hoping for. We can become disillusioned and somehow feel we have been tricked by God. The natural response is to withdraw, draw back rather than remain steadfast even when it does not make sense.

Word of The Lord

You must remember that My Thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My Ways! What looks like failure to you may very well be a part of My Plan and My Purposes. I will use the foolish things to confound the wise. You must not draw back or doubt that which you do not understand. Seek Me and I will give you insight and revelation. I am not the author of confusion.

Do not allow yourself to be ensnared by the enemy into foolish conversations that will lead nowhere. Do not be swayed by the people. Keep your focus on ME. Keep your expectation in ME!

The Restoration of The Believer (Resurrection - Matthew 28:1-10)

Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, **“Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.** Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.” And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus **said* to them, **“Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”**

The crucifixion of Jesus was so devastating and traumatic that many of His follows including the disciples all went back to their former lives before meeting Jesus as if it was all over! Their hope was gone along with their expectation of a different life that Jesus promised them. They were willing to surrender their dreams as lost and accept that Jesus was gone forever! It took Angelic Intervention to bring word to the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead just as He said He would!

The Challenge we face today is no different! It is in this season that the Church is in need of Holy Ghost Intervention to stir the Body of Christ to action back to a place of Supernatural Power and Authority!

Word of The Lord