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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
ENCOURAGEMENT



It is just after 5 AM Wednesday, June 10th. I went to bed last night worn out from helping Vicky's brother and family move into an apartment. We were happy to do so knowing that having their own place was again another evidence of God's provision. They are answering His call to help pioneer a Spanish speaking church in the Trinity area of Pasco County, Florida. Please remember to pray for Antonio, Marjorie & children.

What sounded like two strong knocks at our bedroom door had awakened me from my sleep. It was the LORD waking me and immediately I knew He wanted to speak to me about this newsletter. I tossed and turned for a few minutes because my body ached and my flesh wanted more rest. It seems there is always a battle with our flesh when the Spirit of God wants to work through us. But I also knew from past experiences that I needed to get up, make my way to my computer, and believe God to speak concerning His soon coming return. In the May and June newsletters, I also wrote what I believe was a word from God concerning His return. In case you have not read them, they are posted inside the Sample Newsletters tab of my website, revc.org.

As I lay in bed telling myself that I needed to get up, the Holy Spirit reminded me of the passage in 1 Samuel 30:6 where David and his men returned home to Ziklag only to find it burned and their families and possessions taken captive by the Amalekites. The scripture story recounts how David's men became very angry with him. There was talk of stoning him because they were all so distraught over their losses. Naturally, David was also "greatly distressed" over the losses and also the fact that they were about to stone him. However, **1 Samuel 30:6** tells us that "...David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but **David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**" I pray this newsletter encourages you!

There are times when it seems that the enemy of our souls is having his way. Everywhere we look we see loss, and the future shows little or no light at the end of the tunnel. David's men thought the answer was to

take it out on David. They wanted to make him responsible for their losses and release some of their hurt on him with the false expectation that in doing so, their own anguish would be lessened. It is so easy to want to blame someone else for our troubles and fix our eyes on the situation about us instead of on the only One who is able get us through to better days.

Fortunately, David knew exactly what to do! He encouraged himself in the Lord his God. I think David took some time to consider all that God had done in his life and how God had shown Himself strong to David and had protected and worked through David to glorify Himself. Thus, he responded by inquiring of the Lord as to whether or not he and his men should pursue the Amalekites. The Lord's response was to "pursue." The story goes on to report that David and his army of 600 men departed after the Amalekites. They came to the brook Besor where 200 of the men were so faint that they lacked the strength to continue. So, David left the 200 there to guard their things while he went on with the remaining 400 to deal with the Amalekites. On their journey, they encountered an Egyptian slave who was left behind by his Amalekite master because he had become sick. David gave the slave some nourishment then asked where the Amalekites had gone. The slave offered to take David and his men to them providing David would spare him. David agreed that no harm would come to him and the slave led them to where the Amalekites were encamped. David found them celebrating their victories and the great spoil of women and children they had taken from the land of the Philistines and the land of Judah which included Ziklag. Ziklag had been given to David as a refuge by Achish, the king of Philistia.

David and his men went on to rout the Amalekites, killing all but 400 who rode off on camels. They recovered everything that had been taken from them including their wives and children; not one thing was lost whether great or small. There would also have been other spoil from places the Amalekites had raided that was now in David's possession. God is able to replenish! When He does it usually runs over. Release Him to do so in your situation as well. It may be all He is waiting on.

When we take the time to seek God and release Him to

work His will in our situations, we can have hope. Hope shows us there is light at the end of the tunnel. It tells us that God is walking this path with us, and that He wants to show Himself strong on our behalf. When I find myself in such situations, I want to see God do something only God could do so I know it is His doing, not mine. We need to learn to expect the unexpected!

I want to recount to you a situation that has unfolded just recently involving one of our sisters in Christ who was going through a difficult time. In January of 2018, she had included a note with some support that was sent to Missionary Ventures in Orlando. In her note she apologized that her support had become less regular due to her situation. For some reason, I did not receive the letter until two years later, this past January. I responded to her the next day via a letter and told her that I pray for those who we know are praying for us and standing with us in support as they are able. I went on to say, **“We fully realize that you cannot give what you have not received. Thus, we are always releasing God to provide for you in ways that you never even expected so you will know His faithfulness to you as well. Thank you for standing with us as you are able.”**

This week she called me and shared how God had so unexpectedly met her needs. In our conversation, she said that when she got my letter this past January, she opened it and read it at a Starbucks restaurant. It brought tears to her eyes as she read the part where I indicated that I was praying that God would meet her needs in ways she did not expect so she would know it was God. She shared with me two things that God did to show Himself strong to her. Both involved receiving money that was desperately needed from sources she would never have expected.

This sister recounted one of the ways that God proved Himself to her. She had managed to put back \$5000 dedicated to the paying of her taxes, praying that it would be enough to cover what she fully expected to owe. She did not have any additional money to cover anything beyond what she had managed to save. When the person who prepared her taxes called to say that the taxes were completed, she asked what she owed. They replied, **“You owe nothing this year!”** This was definitely an unexpected miracle of provision and enabled her to pay off all her debts and get herself back on solid ground. Praise the Lord for He is faithful! I truly en-

joy when God shows Himself strong on our behalf, especially when He does it BIG!

2 Chronicles 16:9 “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him...” This passage gives us the understanding that God is actively searching the earth to show Himself strong on our behalf. How excited He must be when we release Him to work His will in our situations and He is able to put something truly amazing together out of all the mistakes and efforts of our own hands that bring us so much heartache, stress, and worry. If we could only learn to turn to Him sooner rather than later and release Him to have His way, we could walk forward with confidence that God is somehow going to see us through to a good end. To Him be all the glory!

I can already tell from the giving that has not come in this month that many of you are struggling with finances. Know that I am praying for your increase and provision of need whether large or small. I know my God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above and far beyond anything we might expect. I also know that when we give out of our need, it moves God’s heart to open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings. Keep in mind that God’s resources far exceed our own, and He has many ways of meeting our needs.

Have faith that the same God who feeds the sparrows and cares for the flowers in the fields cares for you and me as well. Join me in releasing our Father and Lord to work His will in our situations and to show Himself strong on our behalf in ways that we will know are His doing. Be sure to praise and thank Him in advance for doing so! Watch for God to do something unexpected.

As of 6-16 the Nigerian Embassy is still holding my passport. Until they reopen and process my visa I can’t leave the country. The students in Togo and Nigeria are waiting as their countries have not had the virus as wide spread as the USA yet their airports are still closed.

So, in the meantime, I continue to work on the CTC online program. With 2 more subjects completed, I will be half way up the mountain. Standing at the foot of a mountain as you are about to begin the climb the top doesn’t look that far away. Once you are well into the climb and find yourself short of breath you realize that’s why they call it a mountain! Even so, by faith God is able to get us to the top! TY Jesus!
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