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Dr. Ken Cramer

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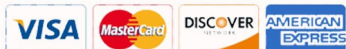
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# The Breaking Of The New Dawn

By Eunice A. Christian

January 19, 2021

**Psalm 119:147** ~ <sup>147</sup> I rise before the dawning of the morning, and cry for help; I hope in Your [W]ord.

**Isaiah 58:10** ~ <sup>10</sup> If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday.

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!**

**Job 19:25** ~ <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth....

May the memories that you create for this 2021 New Year be blessed with the fullness of Light. May the memories of current and past loved ones, friends, and good neighbors not be forgotten. May we always be mindful and not forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice for others in our land and around the world. May we keep up in prayer those who show compassion to others during these challenging times.

For those of you who are struggling in various aspects of life to the point that it may feel overwhelming, may The Most High God bless you with His tender mercy, grace, and favor according to His divine plan for your life, and that you receive the relief you need and desire for a better, more fruitful outcome.

My prayer is that we not lose hope or give in to the darkness of this world. May we demonstrate wisdom and knowledge regarding how we address those who promote fallacies and infringements against our democracy.

Remember: **God is still on the throne, and Jesus lives in us through the power and unction of The Holy Spirit, our Comforter.** So, trust in God by adhering to His Holy Word. I pray that God will see you through this new year with good health and prosperity. **Again, first trust in God.**

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The topic for this month is **The Breaking Of The New Dawn**. As is my custom when initially taking on a topic, I attempt to: 1) explore the topic at face value; verbatim; and 2) explore the topic to the best of my ability as it adheres to the Word of God.

### **Perspectives**

**Breaking** (*verb*) means, in part, that an object is being subjected to a force or element that is causing it to open up and separate into various sections, parts, or pieces. **Dawn** (*noun*) is the period of day when rays of light shine upon the horizon; permeating the darkness; transforming the night sky with colorful brilliance; it is the phase of the day revealing the coming of the sun's appearance. **Dawn** is the phase of the atmosphere before sunrise. On a symbolic level, **dawn** (*verb*) means something other than the sun's first traces of its rising. **Dawn** can symbolically represent a state of enlightenment; the realization of a brand new and bright idea, thought, or concept. **The Breaking Of The New Dawn** invokes a sense of newness and awareness that will be the catalyst for growth; that there is something on the horizon of our lives that will shed light upon one's purpose, or upon one's perspective, for the better. *Has it just dawned on you how much I expound upon simple words!*



The new dawn, in the context that I am using it, refers to a breakthrough in our hearts and walk in Jesus. My message on *The Breaking Of A New Dawn* is an allegory representing a breakthrough that brings forth joy, gladness, peace, and comfort that comes from being more than survivors. We are conquerors. We were tried in the fire, but came forth as pure gold because God loves us and has blessed us beyond measure—*He blessed us with His Holy Spirit and the gift of salvation that is ours, if we only believe.*

### **Resolutions and Rebellions**

**Jeremiah 29:11 ~ 11** <sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

*I will do a new thing in you...I will do a new thing in you....*

It would be great if the ending of every year meant the beginning of a new year that is without the continued strain and strife of the old; that any turbulence against our quality of life would, if not cease and desist, would at least take a timeout or pause. As this New Year 2021 has proven, that was not the case for multitudes around our nation and around the world. Unfortunately, businesses, educational institutions, medical facilities, and places of worship are still intensely impacted by the invisible (to the naked eye) enemy, the pandemic Coronavirus-19 (*COVID-19*). To further exasperate matters, our country is facing another threat; a threat that was brewing for years, if not decades.

**Jeremiah 18:1-12** ~ <sup>1</sup> The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: <sup>2</sup> **Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.** <sup>3</sup> Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: <sup>6</sup> **O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?** says the Lord. **Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!** <sup>7</sup> **The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,** <sup>8</sup> **if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.** <sup>9</sup> **And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it,** <sup>10</sup> **if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My [V]oice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.** <sup>11</sup> **Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.** <sup>12</sup> **And they said, That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart.**

### **117th United States Congress**

During recent months, the highest office holder in our land caused an uprising like no other in recent history. Needless to share, by now you know that on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the most heinous acts against our congresspersons and Capitol police occurred; resulting in at least five deaths to date, and at least 60 injured law enforcement officials. Other disturbing chain of events involved threatening acts involving at least one noose, various types of firearms, and flag poles used to attack and strike at will. Feces and urine was found within the walls of the Capitol. Stolen furniture and equipment and mass destruction of property occurred. Clearly seen on video footage, fire distinguishers were used as projectiles against Capitol officers protecting the building, congresspersons, and staff. These and other acts against the 117th United States Congresspersons happened because one man refused to acknowledge his defeat and the fair outcome of the 46th Presidential Election.

For hours, this country's Capitol was transformed into a war zone of degenerates and derelicts. Within the first week of New Year 2021 alone—*just within the first six days*—this country and the world witnessed in real time for hours how our congresspersons and staff were threatened



to be killed, including the 45th President's loyal and dedicated right-hand man, his vice-president. The adversary has no loyalty—*The Holy Bible should teach you that*. If you side with the adversary, you will get an adversary's reward—and *there is none*. These and other acts committed by homegrown domestic terrorists will have irreparable and unforgettable consequences. The riot against our democracy was waged full force and effect by individuals involved mostly with supremacist groups; consisting of individuals from what appeared to be of all economical and educational levels and backgrounds.

Unlike past civil wars, historians and those who lived through perilous periods in history may have been able to shed light on the boundaries of opposing sides; for example, *The North against the South*. What makes what we witnessed on January 6th against our 117th Congress and Capitol so alarming is that the boundaries are not as clearly defined, unless you can draw boundaries as precise and as near as the line between one neighbor to another. *In other words, there are no boundaries—we are unable to distinguish who is who. Have you ever heard the statement: 'Sleeping with the enemy'? Well, this country was sleeping, and has turned a blind eye to the enemy within because it refused to acknowledge the homegrown enemy within its own borders*. Now that the rebellion was put down, this nation cannot afford to act like it did not happen—*the world is watching and waiting to see what our country will do next*.

### **Democracy Wins**

What happened after the riot showed that democracy wins. For all the world to see, our 117th United States Congress collectively demonstrated what is just and right by honoring and upholding their positions by continuing the certification process of President-Elect Joseph Biden and our next vice-president, Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris. We should also give an enormous amount of gratitude towards the staffers who, while their lives were also being threatened, had taken the time to retrieve the ballots. As was reported on various media outlets, the containers that held the Electoral College certificates the lawmakers were counting, but had to leave behind because they were quickly ushered out of the chambers to safety, were retrieved by the staffers. Knowing that several offices and areas of both republican and democratic elected officials were violated; knowing that furniture and electronics were stolen, if there is anything to celebrate in all of this is the fact that these staffers—these individuals—were instrumental in saving and preserving our election results. *Thank God! Those who stood on the right side of this riot and who lost their life did not die in vain.*

**2 Thessalonians 3:6** ~ <sup>6</sup> But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

### **Year 2020 - Unforgettable**

Needless to express, Year 2020 has been truly a year many of us want to forget; however, if the truth be told, we cannot afford to, lest we (this country, in particular) repeat the same horrible mistakes that not only perpetuated, but fed into the plight we are facing and enduring today. While as I write, thousands are still dying daily because of COVID-19 in these 'united' states. According to [Worldometer](#) (2021), during the writing of this article on Monday, January 18, 2021, the day this country is observing the memory of the Late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the United States has on record 410,298 deaths—that is over 3-1/2 times the number of casualties recorded in June 2020, and still there are far too many who refuse to wear masks. *This is extremely disturbing*. What is also disturbing is that if the people of this land had been unified across all state lines, across all cultures, across all ethnicities, ***we would have been the vaccine! We would have been the repellent against this viral war on humans.*** Instead, like a ship without a sail, multitudes were being misguided from doing what was right and is right to fight this dreadful invisible enemy. *As we have learned the hard way, it only takes one defiant person to bring a nation down.*



*As we have witnessed via way of various media outlets, volumes of individuals in this country prefer to march on state capitols with strapped rifles on their arms that one can guesstimate a weight of at least 6-to-7 pounds, than wear a face mask weighing approximately 8 ounces that has proven scientific support of protection! Shouts and declarations such as, You will not take away our guns! were matched with the same ferocity as We will not wear face masks! Does that make sense?! While those who were willing to fight for the right to bear arms were leading the charge against our rights to protect ourselves against COVID-19 so that we can live and not die; while those who screamed in the streets and marched on state capitols regarding their right to bear arms while violating the very Constitution they claim to uphold, they became traitors. They became traitors due to their lack of allegiance to do what is right to protect their fellowman—and that was to unify in order to fight the greatest war our generation has witnessed and experienced in years—Coronavirus-19.*

### **The Perfect Humanoid Storm**

**Romans 12:17-19 ~ <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, *Vengeance is Mine, I will repay*, says the Lord.**

From the pandemic COVID-19, rampant racism, joblessness, homelessness, food shortages, lost of continuity with families, friends, and associates, these issues have seriously challenged many; even those who consider themselves strong-at-heart. We have been blessed to have made it to New Year 2021, and I know we do not take this lightly. We also know that we cannot afford to become stagnant in regrets or heavy thoughts of what we should have, or could have, done. Second guessing what we should have done with a sense of guilt or with feelings of remorse will not help us. We must take lessons learned and apply them towards future positive outcomes. We cannot turn back the hand of time to redo what has been done, but we surely should focus upon, and work hard towards, determining how not to make the same mistakes again.

### **Grateful, Enlightened, and Encouraged**

***Let us remain grateful, enlightened, and encouraged! We have another day to do and be better people.*** At the same time, we should not be ignorant of what is happening or what has happened, as though what our nation is experiencing is some strange phenomenon—*let us not kid ourselves—we are in a civil war.* This country has been here before, but not quite like this. *Let's bring it all in.*

Economic and political challenges by leadership that produced levels of homelessness, joblessness, and medical challenges have never been experienced like this before. The blatant disregard for human life by those who have sworn to uphold and protect this nation is alarming and should not be tolerated. In addition to these and other social ills, we are now facing a resurgence of domestic terrorism. We are engaged in more than just a civil war; we are experiencing *The Perfect Humanoid Storm—people against people. Remember the phrase, 'Sleeping with the enemy'?* This civil war is far more dangerous—*we don't know who is who; nor how those who are against doing what is right will rise.* That is why it is important to become and remain rooted in the Word of God. As a people created in the image of a holy God, we are being tried on every side; yet, we can rise, and not only rise, but survive and thrive. Again, only if we keep strong and if we believe and continue to believe in what God's Holy Word declares we are in Him. We shall overcome if we remain vigilant in what is right and just, and not give up.

As we look to The Most High for direction, we must be able to faithfully trust in Him. We must be able to listen to the direction of The Holy Spirit because we cannot place total trust in Man—even a godly man or woman knows that we cannot place *total* trust in flesh, We can only place total trust



in God's Holy Spirit (The Book of Romans 8). Furthermore, it is our Lord and our God who cares for us. *It is The Most High God that has THE Plan.*

### **God Is Good All The Time**

We made it not because we are so good; ***we made it because God Is Good—and God Is Good all the time.*** Despite all that has occurred, especially over the last 12 months, we should remain humbled that we are able to see another day among the land of the living. In being able to do so means that we have been given strength for today to fight a good fight on behalf of, and in the spirit of, the Lord against the ills that would try to have us bound and suppressed. ***That is why it is so important to have faith in God. He has unyielding and everlasting power and strength.***

The following statement is not scriptural, but I believe there is a decent level of truth in it: *If you do not stand for something, you will fall for anything.* Yes, I knew you would think, *I know that!* I would add this, too: *If you do not believe in God and His Holy Spirit, you will not be saved. Like a ship without a sail, being tossed to and fro by the waves of the ocean, you will be tossed to and fro by every form of doctrine that comes your way.* Being grounded in God's Holy Word and the power of His Holy Spirit gives us assurance that enables us to see newness and rays of light in spite of the darkness. *Because Jesus Lives, we not only have hope for today, we can have hope for a better tomorrow.* Amid the darkness (spiritual), there is *The Breaking Of The New Dawn. Can you see it? Can you receive it?*

### **Strength For Today Starts With Praise**

As Believers, we should first and foremost give God all the glory and all the praise for keeping us this far; for blessing us with strength for today and for a better tomorrow; if not for ourselves, for others. In spite of what has happened, and in spite of how certain situations appear; in particular, from late 2019 to date, we have another day to believe that we can make a positive difference for ourselves and in the lives of others; especially those who have yet to receive faith in Christ Jesus. We also have another day to make a difference in the lives of others we do not know—*whether or not we agree with them.* Furthermore, do not allow your good to be evilly be spoken of; nor give place to the adversary. Be led by The Holy Spirit in all your ways.

**1 John 4:15-21** ~ <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If someone says, *I love God*, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

We have the ability to give God all the honor, all the glory, and all the praise by being obedient to Him. We have the gift of being able to experience *The Breaking Of The New Dawn* with gladness of heart; knowing that we are in this world, but not of it (The Book of John 17). We can claim this because, as it is written, God loved us first (1 John 4:19), and He has chosen us, and because of God's amazing grace, we know our expected outcome. We know and should claim that we are victorious as heirs with Christ Jesus. So, it is imperative for us to stay the course in Christ Jesus for we are King's Kids (The Book of Romans 8:14-16). Again, we know what the Word declares we are; we have an expected end, *so rejoice!*

### **Be Confident About Your Walk With God**

If you are unsure as to what is going to happen in your life, know that our Lord Jesus and God The Father has you in Their care; that They will not leave you nor forsake you. We all have an expected end, and that expected end is the gift of salvation. Follow up your faith by reaching out to

someone you know is a Believer, or an organization that may lead you to resources that may assist you as you go through—to *come out*. Never believe seeking help is a sign of weakness. Again, trust in God and the power of His Holy Spirit. Pray for confirmation. If unsure, *stand*. Let any counsel you receive align to the principles of God. When you base your decisions upon His Word, you are basing your decisions on Solid Ground.

**Romans 8:28-39** ~ <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

### **A New Perspective**

If the benchmark of a new year enables you to receive a ray of hope that will lead to an even fresher outlook upon life, *then so be it!* If claiming January 1st signifies for you a great time to establish a fresh new start, I hope it was what you desired and beyond your expectations. However, if it was not, I hope that you are not discouraged. *Give yourself more credit that you have it within you to still obtain that fresh new outlook—so claim what you desired for the beginning of this year every day. As it is supported by The Word of God and within His Will for you, may you receive your breakthrough—your dawn.* If it pertains to something out of your control or influence, remember that our Lord and God, under the power of The Holy Spirit, has you, so what is for you is for you—if *not now, hopefully, soon*. Until your breakthrough happens, let your newness begin by glorifying God with a spirit of expectation. Let your newness be founded upon a new level of praise, worship, and purpose in Him. Encourage yourself by taking the time to read God's Word daily. [While writing yesterday, this thought came to mind; it may be for you: *Be careful for what you ask for; you just might get it.*] God allows us to have our heart's desire; I hope that whatever you pray for increases your relationship with Him.

I hope that we never falter in expressing great appreciation for God and our Lord Jesus. Under the power of The Holy Spirit, and despite of what we are going through, the power of God continues to keep us *through the fire and the flood—which are the harsh realities and challenges that usually comes with life*. I do not make it a point to make resolutions, but I believe that there is just something about seeing the coming of a new year because of the glorious holidays that precedes it. Yes, it is a symbolic concept that the ending of one year and entry of a new would bring some sort of relief. Again, especially because of the high holy days that precede a new year, *but because He lives—because Jesus lives—we can have a fresh new perspective with renewed hope for today and tomorrow*. For that, I am eternally grateful. Celebrating Jesus, along with the perspective of newness a new year can bring, should bring increased levels of joy and gladness. Again, this is possible if one continually takes time to focus upon Him, praise Him, and follow His Word.

*The Breaking Of The New Dawn* can mean this for you: As a child of The Most High God, you are blessed and favored to see and experience another new year; another day among the living. Therefore, be encouraged to have an even greater appreciation for making a positive difference. As I know, focusing on doing good for others can help alleviate negative circumstances. God has a way of blessing during difficult periods that has made me marvel—and *I pray that if you are experiencing difficulties in your life that you experience such blessings, too*. Take your mind off of your circumstance a bit more so that you can see the goodness of The Lord in the land of the living. Helping others during difficult times can assist in easing heaviness, if any, that are being experienced. [This, of course, is not applicable to everyone. I respect and know that not all struggle



with handling difficulties.] If you are filled with joy, may it mean that you are sharing your love with others in thought and in deed.

### **Ambassadors For Christ**

I would like to take this part of my message to express how grateful I am for Ambassadors for Christ for what they do to keep the gospel flowing. Truly, this pandemic has given God's children a sense of greater appreciation for being able to fellowship; whether face-to-face or via internet. For those who have opened their doors and shared their ministries online, I am so grateful. Online ministries have been so instrumental in reminding me that God's anointed Word is still going forth strong. I desire much continued good success to all who based their ministry upon the sound Word of God, and that you have much continued success in all you do according to His Holy Will.

Has the following ever come to mind, especially during this pandemic: *Have you thought about someone within or beyond your inner circle who may not know how to subscribe to online ministries; perhaps a podcast for those who desire to hear messages from the bible?* If you are led, encourage someone to learn how to access bible-based ministries. Perhaps, you can help them acquire such programs and services on their cell phone if they do not have a laptop or computer; of course, if they are receptive to the idea. If they have a smart TV (that's what these types of digital TVs are called), you could encourage them to set up an online bible-based ministry on this type of device. That should assist them in staying connected to the Word of God.

### **It's a New Season, It's a New Day**

You may have a bit of a time believing this, but when I first started writing my article, I thought it was going to be no more than 5 pages. Yet, within the first several minutes that I started praying for direction, a song came to remembrance. *'It's a new season, it's a new day...a fresh anointing is flowing my way.'* These words from a very familiar song kept coming to me as I was trying to type to the point that I had to stop and look them up online. The first video I came across had the music and lyrics, but that was it. I was unusually edgy about this and felt compelled to see a live version by the original artist and group. Within a minute or two, I came across a video that presented the original artists and gospel group. *What a jewel of a find—WOW and GLORY!* All day long, I was in praise and worship—and it flowed into the next day. I started viewing other ministries that I am familiar with—almost all were amazingly inspiring with strong teachers of the gospel. I was just in awe as to the level of praise and worship I found because it brought me back to the days when I was involved with ministries that held such services. I missed those days, and pray for such services—*revivals*—to come back. God truly moved in the messages and sermons I was blessed to experience. Now, I will to share with you the praise and worship service, in particular, the song that catapulted me into a weekend filled with praise and worship with the anticipation that you may receive as much, if not more, inspiration as I have. This worship service featured an amazing anointed presence of The Holy Spirit supported by Bishop M. Pitts and others; a ministry based in Ohio. The song that came to me is *'It's A New Day'* (Israel & New Breed, 2001).

The last thing someone would think with all that is going on in the world today is that there is a new dawn. Yet, with all of this bleakness and heaviness, *A New Dawn* is emerging—*it is up to us to see it and receive its blessings*. Every time we wake up to a new day, God has shed new mercies and His grace upon us. *How can we believe and receive a new dawn?* We can believe and receive a new dawn and enter into a new day if we believe and trust in The Most High who is able to bring us out of a spirit and realm of darkness into His marvelous light. The Light I am referring to is a spiritual light. It is *The Light of the world* that can permeate any darkness. *Believe that The Light is your Source—not resource—but SOURCE for all things great and small, provided by God through His Son, Jesus, and the power of The Holy Spirit.*

**Matthew 22:37** ~ <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

**Philippians 2:10-11** ~<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**John 8:12** ~ <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**

Whether in the flesh or in the spirit, one day we are all going to see our Lord and our God, for The Holy Bible informs us so. Knowing how The Holy Word has documented accounts in the Old Testament and the New Testament, it is amazing how multitudes still doubt. *If you doubt, why? How much time do you think you have to receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior? Just as important, how much time do you think you have to witness to those who are in your midst who look up to you for guidance who also may not have received The Son of God?*

### **See The Horizon; See The Dawn**

*See the horizon in your mind.* If you can picture a bright, sunshiny glorious horizon, try to picture yourself receiving the glow it brings. Picture yourself there, or at a familiar place where there is tranquility; perhaps, with a large body of water—the ocean. *See yourself there—claim calmness right now—right where you are at!* If you feel this is foolishness, think again. Supported by God's Word of assurance that we are more than conquerors, *if a person is feeling down, maybe even depressed, how can one bring a ray of goodness into the darkness without a positive element permeating it? Think about this...if a person is feeling as though there is trouble on every side, then allowing him or her to fret and worry will not change how they feel unless someone helps them and encourages them towards the perspective that trouble is NOT on every side.* Certainly, and God's Word supports this, fretting and worrying is against His Will for our lives. Such emotions are not fruits of His Spirit. Fretting and worrying signifies that we lack trust in Him for a peaceful existence and a sound mind. Furthermore, God has a divine Plan to give us hope and an expected end for the rest of our lives. So, encouraging one to visualize being in a better place can lead to a tranquil, peaceful mindset. Then after being rejuvenated, *praise The Lord, and continue to spread good will to others!*

In order to shake off melancholy emotions, *claim that there is a breaking of a new dawn designed especially for you!* Say to yourself, preferably in a quiet place without distractions, 'Good things are on the way in my life and in the lives of those I love and care for.' Bask in the knowledge of knowing that no one can grow, whether in the natural or in the spirit, unless there is a breaking away, so do not receive that trouble has to last always. The trials and tribulations that we experience help define our character and strengthens us not only for today, but also for tomorrow. *Look to God's Holy Word for support. While along similar sentiments, seek fellowship in a safe manner. To conclude, may your heart and mind as your soul draws closer to God continuously praise Him, and may the joy of The Lord continuously be your strength.*

**Romans 8:14-16** ~ <sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, *Abba, Father.* <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

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**I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to those who are experiencing grief and hardship during this COVID-19 pandemic. As I pray for my family, friends, and those I encounter, I pray for you, too.**



May God's grace and mercies keep you; and that the joy of the Lord and the love of God which surpasses all understanding strengthen and encourage you always.

May God continue to bless and uplift all those who seek His Face, and may the Spirit of the Living God bless the works of those across the nations who serve to make this world a better place.

*Eunice A. Christian*

*Content Writer; Missionary*

## **Stay Encouraged**

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus the Christ walked this earth—and how He lived and died for us—should cause us to want to serve Him with an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, but the way we can honor Him is to trust, love, and obey Him.

Therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that the Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 2:14-16** <sup>14</sup>Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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*There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption.*

*So, if you have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time.*

*Have a transformed mind, look to Jesus.*

Be blessed and be a blessing. ❤️

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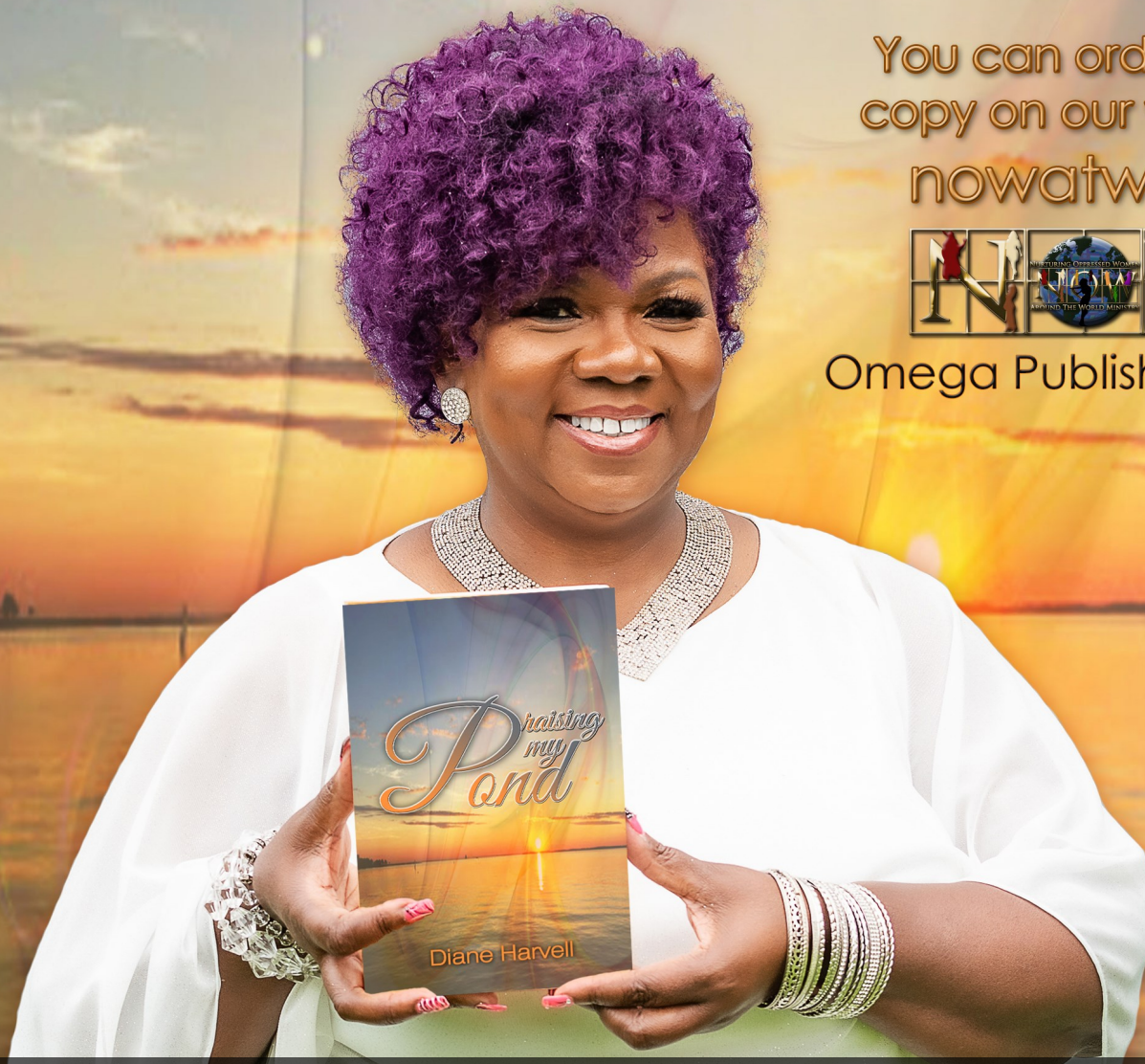
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He explained we would sit before The College of Bishops of Bethel Churches of Christ, where questions would be asked of us and if they felt we were not ready, we would not be "passed" into a leadership role in the gospel and would have to come back again next year! It was all so exciting yet nerve wracking at the same time. But Bishop was such a loving personable leader, yet he pushed us into areas of excellence, and he did not compromise his standards. He was very serious concerning God and he expected nothing less than excellence from his flock and more so from his "Aspirants." That's what we were called until we would become ordained Elders. Those who were going to be ordained Elders, Ministers or Deacons, were all called Aspirants of the Bethel Churches of Christ.



## “THE BREAKING OF A NEW DAWN”

By Elder Diane Harvell

How greatly different Jesus was and how great a difference He made to all upon the earth! Thinking about Jesus while he was on the earth and when he went to various cities, passing through various towns and cultures, I began to see what a profound difference he made in his short life. He created peace, yet He shook the powers of the earth! What a difference one can make when one is focused and determined to complete their earthly assignment!

Jesus repeatedly stated, “I’ve come to do the will of my Father,” and greater works shall we do because we have his power the power of the Father, the Holy Spirit within us! The new day has dawned, and new mercies we see as the beginning of this year arrives. What will we do with our new mercies this year? What differences will we make with them? What commitments will we offer to God? I am convinced that when we realize the responsibilities that the Lord has given us, personally, our commission, our talents, our gifts, our strengths, our weaknesses, and how the Lord has intricately given us a measure of faith to please him, then and only then will we realize nothing else in life, is more important than to fulfill what God has appointed us to do!

Yet when triumph or tragedy occurs, we besmirch, “Life goes on,” “Tomorrow is another day,” “It’s time to move on,” but by who’s influence? Who’s authority? By who’s mercy and who’s grace will we dawn into a new day, doing what and how? According to the current events of today, shall we continue with these same antics as usual? As Apostle Paul would say, “God forbid.”

Yes, this is the beginning of a new year and the threshold in which we stand, is as clear as a blank painter’s canvas in which we can all draw our own design. Our brush and what we design depends upon our determination to do the will of our Father just as Jesus determined to do His will. And that simply was, for him to fulfill what he was sent to do. Jesus was not selfish, nor did he seek vain glory. Jesus only wanted us to fulfill all righteousness of His father and for us to contribute **that** into the world, in the capacity and within the ability of our own scope in love, giving thanks to God always.

Therefore, this is not the dawning of “the age of Aquarius,” yet it is the dawning of a new day, a blank new canvas to fulfill God’s glory by completing His will for our lives. If perhaps you do not know what his will is for you, James 1:5 says~”If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” In other words, God our Father will let you know who you are and what you are supposed to do with your life. He will not reprimand you but will make you whole and complete.

Unlike Jesus, sometimes we take a long time finding out who we are and knowing what we are here on earth to do. Jesus knew exactly who he was and what his purpose was even how his life would end, even unto the death of the cross. He crossed the dawn of a new day for us, fulfilling the life that was given to him no matter the amount of the cost. Our actions speak far better than our words, not resolutions, because resolutions are just that, words. But what commitments will you complete this year what thresholds will you cross?

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# **“There Is Healing from the Hurt and a New Beginning”**

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We have come through a difficult year where our Father had decided to expose us to ourselves. You may ask why would I say that? Let's examine our individual selves to realize that we can get so consumed that we become oblivious to those closest to us. Getting pulled into all sorts of things and we disconnect from our true core of strength.

When shocking events happen that impact you, we tend to wake up to reality once we come through the phase of denial, blame, and self-absorption. Not consenting to the necessary changes that must take place in order to reverse the effects. The word of God teaches us that His word will not come back void. So, as it is stated several times within the scriptures that warning comes before destruction. Now take a mental review of some events and you may realize that this is true. The path of cause and effect. God has allow the boiling pot of man's nature to show forth our shortcomings and inconsistencies that we might identify our own transgressions. Removing the so call impurities within our individual life and society.

The main thing I was able to achieve throughout everything thing that transpired last year was a closer connection with the God the Father. Being able to see Him in the midst of everything that was happening around me and in the world. I had the sense and ability to identify His spirit and presence working in and through others to demonstrate the hope of things that are here and the things that are coming as we heal.

It is so amazing to inhale His presence so to speak having the ability to see His presences through the lens of my being that permeates through my mind, body, spirit, and soul empowering me to work outside the box of constrictions that man likes to place who seeks to control. Since I understand the nature of God and His presence being Omni. I trust that He is everywhere so therefore I have access to walk in my purpose as He guides me. So, every day He is renewing my mind away from all the clutter that was deposited by others telling me what I can't do. To realize all I can do in Him that strengthens me.



So, as we prepare to move forward into a New Year let me encourage you to leave the weights of the past to exit with the passing year. As we move into a new beginning understanding that we may have lost a lot last year but we have not lost the grace or mercy of God. He has given us an opportunity to refocus on Him as he pulls our purpose from within. So out of us, He receives our highest potential, but in order to get that we have to change our perception of how things are viewed. If you feel that you are down at your lowest point then there is only one direction for you to go and that is up. Just know that this year your greatest potential will come from within where it has been store all the time. Learn to discover it and allow it to take you to the best version of yourself in Him.



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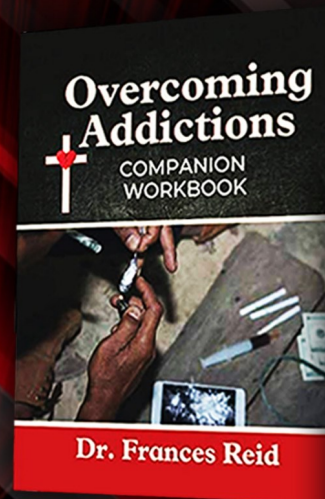
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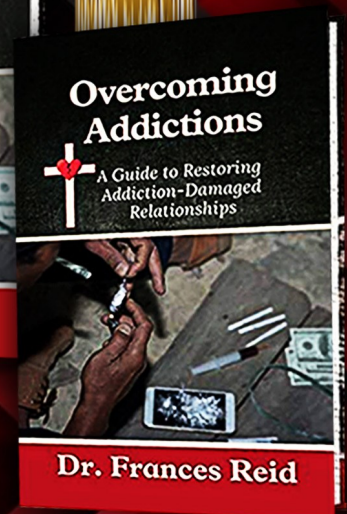
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## **“A Very Present Help”**

Judith Allwood

About this time last year, more than half the world buzzed with excitement about 2020. New visions, perfection, miracles and fortunes were among the hopes for the coming year. Unemployment rate was at a historic low nationally, less than 5%, and the economy was rebounding. Optimism was rife as people from all faiths, backgrounds and cultures envisioned a future of better business opportunities, work prospects, travel occasions, mission trips – you name it.

Less than 3 months into the new year all of those dreams began to be affected by what we would later come to know as Covid-19. Hopes began to dim as a worldwide health crisis rapidly loomed higher and higher. Shutdowns and slowdowns characterized our ways of life as month rolled into month and everyone yearned for normalcy to return. As December neared, many people began to shuffle in expectations of a more promising 2021.

Maybe you are one of those people who lost your income source, family member or other loved-ones and you are looking forward to the dawning of a new day. The common Proverb states that after a storm comes a calm. Perhaps you are looking for a new dawn to break for your living situation or financial condition, but all you can see is darkness all around. Your faith and hope have worn thin and you are beginning to doubt the existence of a power beyond your own. As painful as your situation may be I want to encourage and assure you that as dark as your reality may seem today, there is possibility to every single thing that looks doomed to you.

I remember when, not so long ago, day after day I laid in a couch that didn't even belong to me, having lost my home, an investment property, most of my savings and my marriage. This had all happened just before my dad passed away. Only eight months later our family faced another tragedy, my brother had become ill and died! I remember that I didn't care about much anymore and I didn't even have the ability to dream. For many months I felt helpless and hopeless as I cried out to God. I felt as though I had been dropped off in a desert place where there were no signs of life.

But thank God there are streams in the desert, which for me, came in the form of a friend who advised me to see my doctor who she believed could help. Taking her advice, I scheduled an appointment with an alternative practitioner. Within two weeks of starting the regimen she had put me on I once again started to shuffle and awaken from my doldrums to a new dawn. I found courage to look for work and found a new job contract and set out to reviving, rebuilding and regaining hope.

The psalmist writes, "I lift up my eyes to the hills from where comes my help." No matter what you're going through, I encourage you to cast your cares upon the Lord who will sustain you. My friend, these are trying times, the likes of which many of us have never even imagined. But God is our refuge and strength, a present help in times of trouble. He promises to never leave or forsake you; He is with you even if your days are dark and hope seems far away.

He sent me help when I needed it and He will do the same for you too. I sincerely pray that if you are needing a new beginning that the Spirit Who guides us into all truth will comfort, give you strength and enlighten you in the best path for your life.

Bible references: Psalm 121:1; 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 46:1; Hebrews 13:5; Joshua 1:9.



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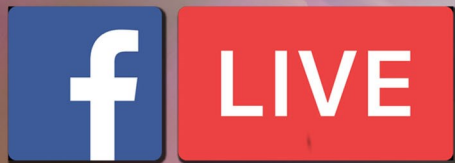


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# Our Relationship With Christ Should Extend To Every Arena Of Life.

Donna Jones

A company was about to lose weeks of work because all of the engineers were at odds about who's fault was it that things weren't progressing. They couldn't decide who was right and so every job was delayed and fighting among themselves was getting worse. All of a sudden one of the youngest engineers stood up and asked if they could pray, it was ok and he did. Nothing seemed to be solved but there was no more shouting and finger-pointing. Then all of a sudden, this one older gentleman said I have the solution. And as they listened intently, such clarity opened up for them. They all asked why didn't you say this days ago. He said it never crossed my mind till after that WONDERFUL prayer and then when all of us were silent I could hear God instructing me. We need to always pray, listen, and work well together.

Of course, most jobs won't honor such prayer relationships as this story but even the silent internal prayers will make a difference. And when God answers, we get to share our relationship with Him. Intimacy with Christ is vital. The more intimate, then the more we can glean from Him to build other relationships. God is so faithful and ready to use us to build others up and form Christ-Centered Relationships.

Ephesians 4:2-3

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# How's your Appetite?

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Some people these days fail to understand that man is a two-ply person if you will accept that description. One part flesh which is very visible and the second part spiritual which provides the character of the individual. Yet since we are all rolled up into one we focus on that which we can see. Spending lots of time and energy that we may ensure that the outward appearance at least before we ever open our mouth and ruin it appears flawless to say the least. We just want to be known and seen as stunning and impeccable to all.

But when we open our mouth the true essence of who we have become escapes to reveal the total package and in that split second encounter leaves a lasting impression to what will be a memorable experience which one will never forget. So the question then would be what type of mark have you rendered, the encounter with an angel or the mark of the beast. Oh my! So have you applied as much prep time as you have on your inner man as you have on the outer one?

We are good at regulating what we eat, drink, and apply to our outer shell of a man because we feel that appearances are truly important we can be no less than a nine for honorable mentions. But we strive for the ultimate ten. Because if we are a ten we are in the top category. We are like a diamond in rough exactly, because the rough side of us is what often makes an appearance because it was never cared for properly and reveals some jagged edges. Not the essence of a sweet perfume as one might hope based on appearances.

So now the question becomes what are you feeding your spiritual man. Does he have the benefit of a balanced meal? Fortified with the proper nutrition for a strong, healthy body with the ability to handle life as it comes. How's the appetite?

Do you thirst and hunger for the Word of God to feed your spiritual man? Or is he undernourished by malnutrition not receiving that which can strengthen him and keep him healthy? How is he eating daily? Is he snacking, having occasional light meals, maybe five courses of a balanced diet or does he love a variety offered by a buffet with so many options? Or is it a combination of them all? Do you feed him on a regular? Does he get excited by the prospect of that spiritual food that it causes him to hum, sing or do a little dance? What's your experience?

You know the saying that is "You are what you eat." Are you spiritually energized with unlimited zeal for the things of God? Or are you feeling a little bit sluggish? How is the overall health of your spiritual man? Does he have a good appetite? Surely he doesn't suffer from lack of nutrition due to fact that he hasn't been introduced to certain foods and he's just surviving on milk? I get it. milk does do a body good, however, if you want to gain some weight you have to combine it with some solid foods to help you grow.



Have you checked out the fruit bar on the buffet? It's loaded with some fruits which are out of this world. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. They are sure to provide you with some much-needed vitamins and minerals to get that complexion and attitude right so your appearance is on point. If you are a lover of bread on the buffet they serve homemade bread in slices or rolls called Bread of Heaven sent down from Glory. Within the buffet, you can find the meat of the Word. We must come to understand that God in His wisdom when He created earth and man ensured that everything a man would need was present. It is up to us to partake in order to get the benefits.

In essence, it is imperative that our spiritual man keeps in balance with our natural man. So we must keep in step with the required steps to ensure that this is fulfilled. The Word of God is fortified with such nutrition to do so. The most important thing we must remember is to apply that which is what I would call extremely necessary prayer, daily studying or reading the Word of God. This is how you get strong spiritual bones because of obtaining a greater understanding of the principles of God which increases our overall wisdom and knowledge. So get thirsty and hungry for the Word of God and feed your appetite.

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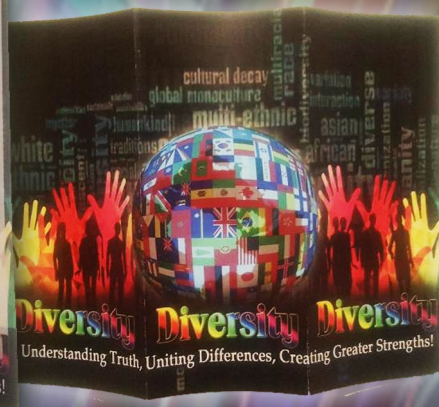
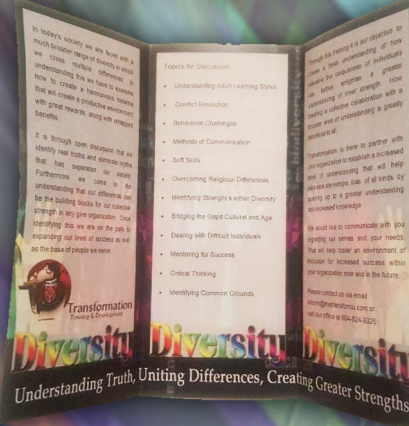


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# The Opportunity for a New Beginning is Here

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Every day we are blessed to awaken is an opportunity for a new beginning. This is a powerful statement seasoned with a message of hope to drive our faith into a believable result once we grasp that faith is an action word that manifest beyond a dream or a vision when we step across the threshold into the new room in which God has prepared for us.

Yes, even in the midst of this world's current situation as volatile as it is now. A health pandemic, deep political divides, racial and cultural conflicts and religious discontent. New life can be birthed and emerge to the forefront. *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me". Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Psalms 23:4 & 5 KJV*

We have to obtain this level of faith and hold onto this understanding. Transform our thinking to manifest the promises of God even in the midst of turmoil.

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

*Hebrews 13:5 KJV.* Hold fast to His word for the expectations of the promises to be revealed. One must focus on the word and not so much the world for the lens to come into focus to see the hand of God working in the midst. This particular battle at this time is intense when viewed with the natural eye of man. Deception and diversions are in place to unbalance your thinking to create panic, delusions and mayhem within your mind. Where you prefer a lie over the truth of the Word of God. Looking unto man who has blinded your eyes and understanding. To you I say God and God only is our redeemer. Idol promises of grandeur leads to death. Check out history and don't allow it to repeat itself especially when it is dressed up in pride.

*Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.*

*Matthew 15:14 KJV.* This is the time in which we must have a keen ear to the voice of God.

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

*John 10:27 KJV* This must be our understanding so that we are lead across the threshold into the new room of promise.

Otherwise we will receive a different outcome. *And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;*

*Jeremiah 9:13 KJV*

Straying away from the principles of God we put ourselves into judgement until such time we humble ourselves and repent for our transgressions.

*Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 3:13*

When we find ourselves in this situation the only way out is through the posture of humility. For this is the most sincere position to reverence God our Father and creator. Once we have taken the necessary steps to fulfill this most important task we can begin again.

So now the questions for us is what have we learned and how much have we grown in every aspect of our life? One thing that should hopefully happen during seasons like this is there should be a transformation within the transition a place of revealing an intended change that must be fulfilled. Because we have gained the knowledge and understanding that God is the sovereign one and we have affixed our eyes on Him. No matter what the chatter and noise is around us the scales have been removed and hearing is focused on His still soft comforting voice guiding us pass the worldly rhetoric into fulfilling the purpose for His Kingdom and that's enough.

We quote verses scriptures all the time the question becomes whether or not we have studied the passage to truly understand the context of what we have read and have we prayed for understanding as God has given and intended for us to receive. I will go a step further to say when we have an established relationship with God our very nature will reflect Him in that which we do. If our actions are called into question, we should pause ourselves and re-evaluate our motive as well as the guiding spirit.

We are in a place now of great opportunity because we have now been slowed down and isolated where we can take the time to focus. Not on what we think we are lacking based on the world's standard. But find and recognize that which God has placed in us individually upon our creation which was for a purpose. When we are consumed in our daily walk, we sometime never take the opportunity to look within because we are so busy looking out at others demands. We fail ourselves in contrast because we haven't learned to balance our growth with our so call need to survive. So, we never uncover that which is already there but hasn't been turned on to receive the benefits that come through change rather than the shackles and chains associated with fear.

There is a new room filled with unlimited opportunities, but we have to get the courage to put our hand on the doorknob turn it so it will open. You are allowed to glance in, or you can boldly step in because through your relationship with God you trust and understand. *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105 KJV*

It is from this understanding that you can grow and begin again.

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2 KJV*



Our focus changes because we are not caught captive in our minds by the world's system of manipulation, but have the lens, knowledge and understanding of Kingdom principles which allows us to actually see the working hands of God in the midst of everything that is going and we can recognize our exit door and cross over the threshold into the new room. While others are murmuring, complaining and even complying you have graduated to building the new things which God has directed you to, so that you can fulfill the promises of His word. They laughed, mocked and ridiculed Noah when he was focused on what God had assigned him to do. He stepped across the threshold into the other and proved what was that good, acceptable and perfect will of God. Relationship with the Father is crucial especially during a season like this we want to be focused on what's ahead and not like Lot's wife who took her focus off God in disobedience and looked back and was destroyed. There is no looking back to make something great again. That's time passed, history done and over. We are to look to the hills to leaning forward from whence cometh our help. It is coming to us and it's coming from the Lord not man. He is our help that will allow us to prove that which is good, and acceptable in His sight and His perfect will. Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is definitely near. He is in the midst of this storm and when you find and recognize Him, He will utter those words to the storm "Peace Be Still". Then you will find yourself in your proper place because you looked to Him.



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