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But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him *Hebrew 11:6*

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. *Roman 5:5*



But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. *John 4: 23,24*

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How Can We, as Christians, Help Change Our Immediate Area?

Apply the Living Word of God

By Eunice A. Christian

Mark 13:10 (KJV)

¹⁰And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

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There is something to starting a work that you desire to be good, and then taking it up again some considerable time later, to become refreshed and renewed in thoughts. Just to conduct a near-total revamp of it in the end. That is what happened with me with the theme for October: *How We, As Christians, Can Help Change Our Immediate Area*.

As believers of Jesus, our Savior, we have a God-given purpose for positive change. In addressing this issue, my focus will be upon the following scriptures of reference: Chapters Luke 13, Matthew 21, and Chapters Mark 11 and Mark 13.

As Christians, we can change our immediate area, or what I will also refer to as our inner circle, or environment, by demonstrating the will and love of God in our lives, and by showing the love of Christ through our actions, thoughts, and deeds. It is premised upon treating each other with compassion and kindness. It is about being aware of our surroundings and caring about how our surroundings are affected. I also believe it will come from the place of being real; being grounded and not superficial. With a simple act of kindness, we can have a positive rippling affect upon others and diverse situations. Also, not to forget, our impact should and can also manifest, in the form of righteous indignation; by how we care for, and handle ourselves in the House of the Lord:

Matthew 21:12-14 (KJV)

¹² And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

¹³ And said unto them, *It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

In addressing this theme, scriptures pertaining to the fig tree came to mind. Luke Chapter 13 touched on a number of social topics. It is reconfirmation to me that the Holy Bible is the Living Word. I was able to realize these scriptures in a way I had not thought of before.

In Luke 13, Jesus addressed the sin factor to his disciples (or rather, the disciples tried to determine which sin is worse than another). Sin is sin, and if one does not repent, regardless of the degree of sin, one can still perish. So, as believers, we should know the will of God is first and foremost, lest we perish in ill-gotten pursuits. *What good would we be then!*

Matthew 5:13-16 (KJV)

¹³ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Jesus presented the parable of the fig tree—which is, in part, an environmental example. He spoke that if one is not fruitful; if an object is not bearing good fruit, it should not be cumbersome to anything, but be cut down. So as believers, we should be positive contributors to our environment. In comparison, the tree of life is life everlasting;

and as Christians, if we are not concerned with bearing good fruit, if we are not concerned with kingdom building, we are good for naught and will be cut down. Note that in the scriptures, *the fig tree had leaves—it still had life, it was grounded, but it was still unfruitful! So it can happen!*

Jesus showed compassion by healing a woman with an 18-year infirmity. On the Sabbath, Jesus saw the woman, called her to Him, and loosed her from the disease that had her bound. While the woman glorified God, the ruler of the synagogue spoke against Jesus by making an announcement that *Sabbath is not a day to come for healing!* Furthermore, the ruler directed those who were afflicted and seeking healing *to come back on the other days of the week.* (Was there ever a time you were turned away when you thought there was help to be found?) Upon hearing the ruler's words, Jesus chastised him, and then all of Jesus' adversaries who heard His words became ashamed. The people then rejoiced, and were glad for all the wonderful acts that the Lord had performed. Surely, this is an example of how we should be concerned with the well-being of others, *in season and out of season*, and if we have gifts and talent to help and heal, according to God's grace and mercy, we should provide.

Also, as believers, we should have a social conscious when it comes to leadership. As it pertains to being subject to leadership, it should not equate to obliging to an ungodly approach. We should take a stance against injustices, bigotry, and hatred. Furthermore, we should not take the stance to allow our voice to be silenced or stifled when such ills persist; knowing sacrifices will be made. Surely, we should not negate the power of the vote. In all things, we should demonstrate wisdom. As the greatest example, Jesus knew when, where, and how to go when adversity was near and present. Just as important, Jesus knew how to speak.

We, as sheep of God's pastures, must know the voice of the Lord and pray for discernment of spirit. We should not go forth blindly in well-doing. In witnessing, as well as when interacting with fellow believers, we should use wisdom; being confident that the Holy Spirit will direct and guide us. It is inevitable that we must interact with non-believers on some level; else, how can we present effective witnessing in a way that helps or encourage others who may not know Christ? Are we to wait for them to come

to church? Furthermore, when interacting with others who present themselves as those of faith, are we to receive each and every rapport that comes to the church?

Mark13:21-23 (KJV):

²¹ And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here *is* Christ; or, lo, *he is* there; believe *him* not:

²² For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.

²³ But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

Jesus presented a parable about how a man casted a grain of mustard seed into his garden, and how it grew into a tree so large that the fowls of the air were able to lodge there, and were benefited by its presence. This taking part in an effort of planting and growing that benefits others who may not necessarily contribute!

Luke 13:18-20 KJV

²⁰ And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

²¹ It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Jesus' parable was about a woman who took leaven and placed it in meal so that it could rise. According to Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary (n.d.), *leaven* is a substance, such as yeast, that is used to ferment dough or a liquid, or a substance that modifies or lightens. Here, bread is a universal basic food. In reference to the Kingdom of God, *Jesus is The Bread of Life. He is our Risen King!* As Christians, we show care by feeding others spiritual and natural food that nourishes the mind, body and soul.

Also, notice how Jesus used the number 3 in His parables. In the parable of the fig tree, the man who owned the fig tree complained that the fig tree did not bear fruit for three years; regarding the parable of the woman with the leaven, she placed it inside 3 measures of meal. Whatever we do, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are involved. Whatever we do as Christians, it should be done in the spirit of faith building.

In closing, I believe we can, as Christians, help change our immediate area, our locality, our environment, by being the best humans we can be to ourselves and towards others—one person and situation at a time. We can effect positively change by being conscientious about how we impact the earth, by the natural and spiritual food we take part in and feed others, how we treat the God's given creatures—and of course, how we use our gifts and talents towards kingdom building—all based upon our right relationship with God the Father and His beloved Son, Jesus.

It is important to realize that a small ripple can turn into a wave of good results. One of my personal sayings is *Do not despise small beginnings*. One never knows how one small act of kindness or compassion, one small gift, can set off a flow of joy and encouragement in another. To add, certain acts of kindness and compassion may not ever be known to others—but God knows.

I know for myself, I get great joy in taking walks with a friend, sharing words of encouragement to others, or just being at a place in time that, in hindsight, God allowed me to be in a situation to encourage. Being the best me that I can be is the way I can effect positive change. Are you a believer, a Christian? Are you a Christian who promotes effectual change in your area? Are you being the best you that you can be in Christ Jesus? I know for sure that I am God's work in progress—and I pray the answer will always be **YES!**

Be blessed and be a blessing.♥

Featured Song:

Third Day – Born Again

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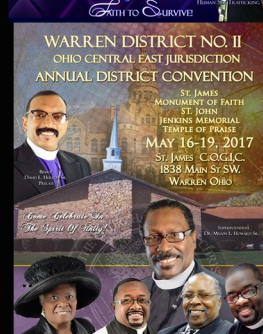
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No More Excuses

Evangelist Stacie Daniels

Getting straight to the heart of the matter, let us begin by stating one central truth: within every individual lies the potential to positively impact the lives of others at some level. It may be in our neighborhoods, communities, or the world at large. We must realize that we were put here **on purpose for purpose** by God our Creator. Hence, the discovery of who God really is on a personal level will lead to uncovering who we are meant to be.

If you stop and think about it, we all have our own unique fingerprints, which can also serve to illustrate the point that we all touch and influence society differently. How is this best achieved? The answer is 'by walking out your purpose'. There may be a nudge or a tugging to fulfill an innate drive or passion brewing deep down inside. However, it is common that fear, doubt, and insecurity can disrupt or interfere with taking the necessary steps to embrace the pursuit of that passion. Along with that, we find that the "life happens" moments can also distract us from walking in that purpose. Maybe a new career opportunity presented itself, although you know that it is not your calling, but it is too inviting to decline. Perhaps you chose to settle down and start a family, thinking later I will accomplish that which is in my heart to do. Ask yourself, what is stopping you? Then tell yourself---**No More Excuses**.

Often, the Lord is so gracious enough to confirm His will to us through visions, dreams, prophetic utterances, and His word. What excuse can we give when we know what is required of us? We must seize the opportunity and the gift from the giver and walk out our why---WHY we were created. Seize the moment to develop that ministry that God has birthed in you, seize the moment to start that business, seize the moment write your untold story. That young man or young lady is waiting to be inspired by your why.

We have so many biblical figures that we can reference who made the decision to walk in their purpose such as the prophet Jeremiah, John the Baptist and of course there was Paul. However, none stand out as much as Jesus Christ who dutifully, will-

fully, and perfectly fulfilled His purpose. **Philippians 2:8** states ‘**And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**’ He clearly knew why He was sent to earth and He did not let anything block Him from doing the will of His Father. In the face of criticism, rejection, undeserved hatred and even death He made no excuses when it came to fulfilling His mission. As a result, every individual has been afforded the opportunity to experience abundant life and life everlasting. I am so grateful that Jesus understood His why and persevered until He declared these 3-profound life changing words---- “It is finished.”

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Isaiah 56:7

“Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.”

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Making A Difference

Evangelist Stacie Daniels

In a society so often consumed with the latest and the greatest, it is commonplace to find multitudes of people following the masses. How so, you may ask? This “following” can be related to style of dress, hairstyles, business ideas, and general behaviors (moral/immoral). This culture bred yet contagious type of mentality lends to the challenge of finding diamonds in the rough who are willing to take a chance on ‘Making a Difference.’

A pertinent question arises out of this truth----are Christians making the needed inroads or impact in the political, social, professional, and ecumenical arenas? When we witness mass shootings, social injustice, escalated violence, alarming suicide rates and pervasive immorality, there appears to be a breakdown in our reach. How is it that we can address this systemic problem and **make a difference**?

First, I am of the belief that one way to see positive change is to be that change you want to see. The image in the mirror may conflict with the message. From a biblical perspective, we can see the truth in this when Peter had the vision of all kinds of four-footed animals, fowl, creeping things and wild beasts. In the vision, Peter was instructed to kill and eat but he did not want to because he felt these things were common or unclean. Nonetheless, Peter was being shown something much deeper than eating certain meats or kinds of foods. God was showing Peter that all people mattered to him. Peter felt that the gospel of Jesus Christ was to the Jews exclusively but God wanted him to know that it was for all people (Acts 10: 9-29; 11: 16-18). There are so many nationalities, creeds and cultures in our world. However, Jesus Christ wants us to show love and share the good news of the gospel to everyone. God is not concerned about socioeconomic status, gender, or race but the soul.

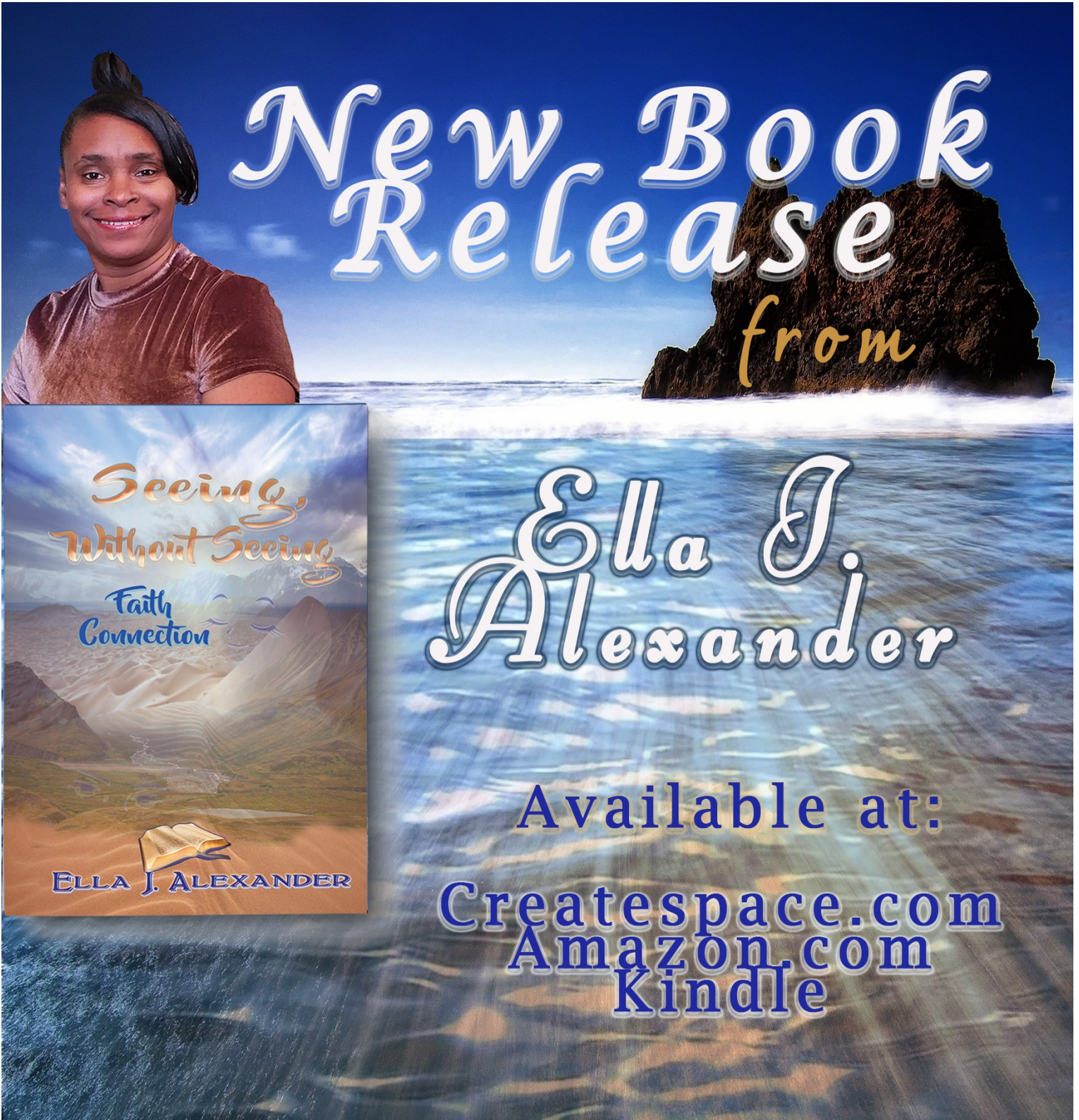
Second, we can do an assessment of some of the top needs in our surrounding communities and seek God for strategy and methods to effectively impact these areas. If the community is poverty stricken, we can donate to shelters, sponsor food drives, or speak to our local government leaders about the need to provide economic stimulus to our neighborhoods. We can also think about that from a local congregational body standpoint----how can our church mobilize and ensure the livelihood and well -being of our communities. This may be in the way of housing programs or acting as a safe refuge to those who are in need.

Making a difference can be as simple as meeting someone’s basic needs (food, cloth-

ing, visiting the sick). Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, when we do these acts of kindness to even a stranger it is as doing it unto Him. The seeds that we sew can often reap a harvest. Serving, loving, giving, and praying for others are crucial inroads to **making a difference**.

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At the door of two FATES

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

The challenges in life get so trying sometimes that two doors of fate appear before you. Seeking/Bidding for you to enter in. These doors represent direction for how we handle life situations. One door is natural and the other door is marked spiritual. The natural door is mark REACT and the spiritual is mark RESPOND.

Well, this is a true story that everyone has played a role in. Frankly it's **spiritual reality**, the testing of your faith. Life's circumstances prevail before you, driving you back so that your back is literally against the wall. The pressure at times gets so unbearable because it just keeps mounting and mounting circumstances after circumstances. Tried in the fire, trials and tribulations relentlessly stalking your every move. Things coming from every direction you can imagine. You can't seem to find a hiding place to get away, no matter where your go or what door you might open it just seems to be oozing with circumstances. That may make you want to shout what in the Hell is going on. Guess what that's your answer Hell has launch an all out offensive against your very being because it finds you as a threat. So now it's time to take direct action against you to discredit and discourage you and to render you defenseless. Because the sooner discouragement and low self-esteem set in you're as fragile as glass and very much breakable. So it's about shattering your will of faith and trust in the almighty God who has had you in the palm of his hand since the inception of this plaque, dilemma or these major issues as you see them. For you are becoming blind to the solution because you have been distracted and have taken your once fixed eyes off of God and now they are affixed to the problem or problems at hand. You are now disarmed and easy to be wounded in those very fragile areas of your life. So what happens now is your human, *key word* human instincts kicks in to play and the natural defenses go into place. Thereby rendering you virtually defenseless. The remedy according to the word is **"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."** *Eph 6: 12, 13* You start blocking out the spiritual weapons that are your strongest defense against this attack and you rush into this battle unequipped because you're carrying the wrong arms to battle. Hold that thought now, let me illustrate a picture for you as to what happened in a moment of time within your mind. When the alarm for battle stations was sounded you ran to the store room for gear. There within the room were two doors one mark natural and the other mark spiritual. But because you lead with your emotions you opened the natural door and reacted to the circumstances in front of you. You got mad not angry; you lashed out rather than sought guidance within. You wrestled with the flesh rather than subject the ruling

spirit. In other words you wreaked havoc creating an environment of chaos and confusion that will eventually return to you when you realize what mess you have created and you find yourself outside of his way and will for your life. Simply because in one brief yet very delicate moment you took control of the ship that God had been navigating for you and due to lack of wisdom and proper guidance you have now run it a ground.

Question is! Is it repairable? Can it be re-launch? To continue its voyage called life. Or is it totally destroyed, non fixable subject now only to rust, corrosion and decay. Is there not one survivor? That might be able to apply the proper repairs to strengthen the hull in order for this ship to sail onto victory and fulfilling its mission. Were there too many casualties? Are the wounded in critical condition? With no hope for recovery? What application can be applied if any? Hard questions no real easy answers. Does it become a matter of principle or a matter of pride or is this now going to truly need one to really render a step of faith, to truly overcome this adversity that could have been avoided in the first place by selecting the correct door. Hmm What is your answer to these probing thought.

Yes it is repairable perhaps if you can step back and allow God to move without any further interference from you. In the book of Acts in the 27th chapter you will read about Paul on his way to Rome and how a storm at sea came upon him and the men on the boat. To paraphrase the story they went through rigorous conditions and many things that would turn them against one another, however Paul stood fast as declared victory over circumstances because of his belief in the word. Another story to think about out of the Bible is in the book of John 5th chapter when you are faced with long trails and circumstance just as the man who a sickness for 38 years and who waited at pool for the angel to come and trouble the water that the first who entered in would be made whole. But because this man was weak and feeble and had not strength to put his own self in the pool others had been stepping over him to receive the blessing. But it so happen that one day Jesus came by see this man and acquired of him Wilt thou be made whole?, and the man stated is situation to which Jesus said unto him Rise take up thy bed and walk. That's how it is when we, myself included yield to God in trying circumstance in which we may have reacted to them and tried to handle them ourselves and bring on more turmoil to a very easy situation for God but difficult for ourselves. Yes we might have to suffer a little while to understand our short comings but ultimately we come to the realization that God knows best.

So had we rather in the room instead of picking the natural door, you grabbed a hold of the spiritual door and swung it open and into action. Once the inside the door you notice the breastplate of righteousness and the shield being the Holy Ghost and the sword being the word of God. You girded up with armor and you heard in a soft calming voice **"No weapon formed against me shall prosper all that arise against**

me shall fall. I need not fear what the Devil may bring me for I am a servant of God". Once you heard this you hollered out your proclamation in the direction of the enemy of your soul. And he started to tremble and weaken. Then the soft voice said "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." Then you started to feel your help coming and you felt the strength mounting up on the inside of you. The boldness just weld up inside you as you proclaimed with a triumph shout "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME!!" Then you remember in the face of this adversity that David said "For the Lord is my Sheppard and I shall NOT want... (With utter belief and trust you remember and stated) he makes me to lie down in green pastures. (Bringing me to a peaceful state of being) He leaded me besides the still waters (No matter how raging the waters in our life's can be) He restores my soul (when I might be weak and feeble in mind body and spirit he strengthens me you recall) He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. (In my circumstances he guides me in the direction that he would have me to go so that God can get the Glory out of the situation, that it brings forth life and not death and destruction Yea thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. (No matter, no matter how deadly the circumstances might seem, it might appear like no hope in sight) I will FEAR NO EVIL for thou art with me.

(The comforter has come, the comforter has come, he is here right now right here with you in this very present situation, when it is darkest before the dawning of a new day, he has already come to bring light into a dark situation and bring a victorious end) Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.(When I feel I'm headed in the wrong way he reached out stretches forth and pulls me back into the fold under his protected and watchful eyes) Thou prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. (When my nay sayers, those that would care to see me fall and fail, I realize that God is in Control and he blesses me to recover from my circumstance he RESTORTH my soul!) Thou anointest my head with oil. (My God covers me with his blood that the enemy of my soul must past over. You see some come through the fire, some come through the flood, but one thing I truly know is we all have to come through the blood). My cup runs over. (The blessings of the Lord have over flowed that I cannot contain them all) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the lord forever. (No matter what the problem or circumstances that will ever come into my life I need not worry for his goodness abound with his grace. His mercies over shadowed by his love will keep me and I will be with him forever and ever.)

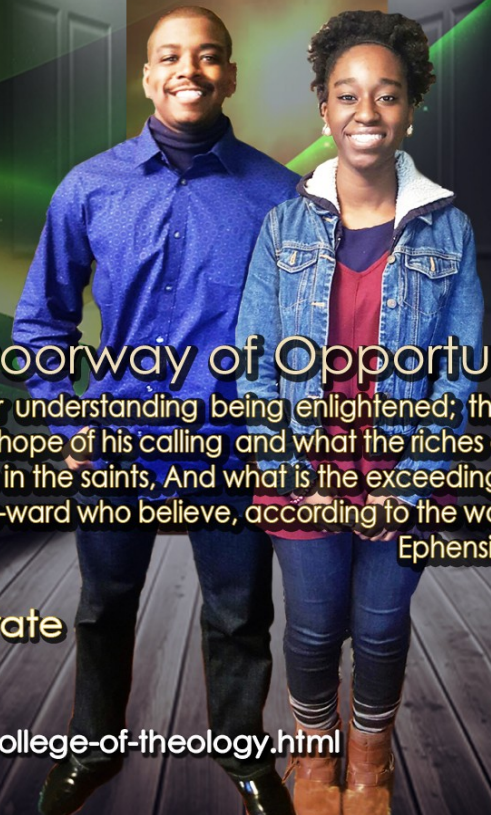
It is with the consistent reassurance, learning and relearning with each stage of our lives that we should becoming more understanding of one true fact. That God is ever present in our daily lives and as long as we have a committed relationship key word committed, he will honor his word which is his covenant with man. Yes, we will have our share of trials and tribulations they are there to make us stronger. So when lifes circumstances come your way respond with the spiritual door and let God have his way!



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What we as Christians can do to make a difference in and around us, with love and caring. - Rev. Larry E. Green, Pastor

We as Christians must first possess the character to set the example of the change we're hoping to bring to the area around us. For we are told, according to Eph.4:24, that we put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. II cor. 5:17 tells you and I that when we truly come to Christ, the old things are passed away, behold all things made new: so we are totally recreated; we are a brand new spiritual person in Christ: Eph. 4:22 tells that in putting on that new man, "we put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. 'Christ himself was the example of what he came to bring us, so must we be that example. So the first area that has to be changed is the area relating to us which is ourselves. Then, when the change is seen in us, it will begin to help to bring about a change in the area around us but others must see Christ in us, and who he's made us in him!

I then believe that the very next effective change we should hope to make begins at home! In the Old Testament, Joshua 24:15, He's a leader of God's people telling the people in so many words - You need to make a choice as I seek to lead you. But he also set the example of what he was telling them, hoping to bring about a change in those, in the area around him as he sought to lead them in God's will for them. According to Joshua 24:15 "and if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will service; but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord".

If we read the 5th chapter of Eph., it tells husband and wives how they should treat one another, because in their marriage, they still first obey God. It's God in them that help all other relationships function well. I believe that's what I witnessed growing up. Parents not only took their children to the sanctuary but taught them about the Lord. Teaching them the character and nature of love and respect, taught them as they showed it to others around them; believing it would cause them to make a difference in the area around them wherever they went. Teaching respect for mothers and fathers and their elders and for one another was very important. Also, to do unto others as they wanted us to do unto them!

Fellowship was a thing in the community. Many spent evenings on one another's front porch while laughing and talking about the situations of the day, or the past week. Watching children play and at the same time making sure they grew up understanding the importance of fellowship, and support of one another while playing. Learning to live among each other was important! At appointed times when one was in need of help - someone came. They showed up to help the sick, feed for the hungry, comfort for the trouble minded, prayed with one another,

wept with each other, holding and hugging each other for encouragement; knowing that somehow their trust in God bring about a better day.

When the community could see husbands and wives that got along well, it spoke volumes in the community, That man or woman, that husband and wife would give advice that would be taken, because when they spoke others were able to see the example in them of what they were saying! Thus, they could make a difference in the area around them! A family is supposed to be the cornerstone in our society and love is always the key to motivate us, from home to community. Family, personal life, and family of the church, love was and is still the key. Many of us, if not all are similar. With I Cor: 13 being the love chapter, we have to ask but where is the love? James 4:7-8 tells us, Beloved let us love one another: for love is of God. And every one that loves is born of God. He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.

John 3:16 lets me know that we are here to show the world God's love and favor to those that don't know him, that as they can see it in us. It should cause them to want to know the God we confess to know: So we as Christians look to make a difference in the area around us. Let us keep in mind; that without him we can do nothing! But Phil: 4:13 tells us that we can do all things thru Christ who strengthens us. For it is the LORD God who is our Shepherd. We shall not want for our God supplies all our needs according to his riches in glory thru Christ Jesus. That according to his divine power in II Peter 1:3 he has already given us all things pertaining to life and Godliness, thru him that called us to glory and virtue. When we accept God alone as our provider. We have the ability and provision's to make a difference in the area around us! For II Tim 1:9 says I saved you and called you with a holy calling not for your works but for my purpose given in Christ before the world began. John 15:16 makes it clear that you didn't choose me I chose you, and put you here and ordained you to go forth and bring forth fruit. That remains, and whatever you ask the father in my name, he will do! So as Christians, if we truly look to make a difference in the area around us let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and trust him to exalt us in due season. Let us according to David in Psalms 37:3-4 delight ourselves in the Lord and he will give us the desires of our heart and commit ourselves to him and he will bring it to pass so when we see that person in need, let's not tell them if you need me call me. No! Trusting God we have the ability to help, let's do it, let's get involved somehow. Let us not grow weary in well doing for we shall reap in do season if we faint not! Let us be faithful to the plan of God, the man/Jesus, the power /his spirit! We shall succeed,

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