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Go and make disciples!

E-votional 60

Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

The fact that God can create something out of nothing is the reality that should be awe-inspiring concerning our common faith.

In terms of this, I am gaining a heart of revelation and wisdom. What I mean is that I am growing more and more confident in God when it comes to my daily life in Him concerning the endless possibilities that He alone can bring into my life. The same God who created everything out of nothing is also the same God who promises to never leave us or forsake us. In saying that, my confidence is growing to know that He is more than able to take the impossible situations in our lives and make them more than possible. If He can create everything out of nothing then I am also sure that He can create a new life filled with amazing opportunities to serve Him from a life destroyed by sin and burnt to a crisp. All the Lord needs to do is speak into any hopeless and dire situation and whatever He says comes to pass.

The reason why I am learning this and also sharing this is that I think there are times in our lives when we get so overrun and overcome by the same old same old and the daily monotony that we fall into a level of unbelief where we forget that we serve a God who only has to speak a word and something will just appear from nothing.

Psalm 29:3-5 (ESV)

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is heard over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

A near day illustration would be that of a hopeless situation where there is no possibility that we could ever make it out. We often find ourselves in such a

difficult situation that when it happens we are not ready for it. Then our faith begins to dissolve till all that's left is a stronghold of doubt and condemnation that causes us to have less than passionate prayers and an even lesser desire for the things of God than we had prior. We almost become desensitized to the voice of the Lord calling out us. The question, however, softly and gently breaks through, *'do you believe I can create with only a word?'* O we feel if only I could believe. As we then take that question and allow it to permeate our delusions of doubt and self-condemnation we begin to realize, *'wait a minute, the same God who spoke and it became, is also the same God today who both can and will do the same in my life.'* Hallelujah Jesus!!!!

In an instant, we turn our gaze to the King of king's and the Lord of lords and say, *'Lord, just speak the word and Your servant will be made whole.'* And then faith arises and lays hold of the promise and it yields the fruit of belief until the seemingly once impossible situation is made new. Praise God!

Do you long for a new day? Do you desire for God to speak life into your situation?

He is able and willing. Oftentimes, He is more willing to speak than we are to hear. God is still in the miracle business and desires to show His people that He is still as powerful today as He was at first creation. The question is, do we believe this with all of our heart? And if we believe it, are we ready to rely on His ability to speak and create? God bless you all!

The situation we are all in collectively in this time and season and on a global scale is uncertain for many. However, by faith, we understand that the world was created out of nothing from God's very voice and Word. We may not have seen exactly how the Lord did this, but we firmly believe this. Christians take courage in knowing that our God is unchanging and always has a plan for everything. Nothing in this life is random or out of chaos. The Lord is doing something through all of this on a global scale, we just need to have faith that He is speaking and doing according to His Will and Word even now.

Lord, we know that You are the same God as yesterday, today, and even forever. Awaken us, in this hour of trial that has come upon the whole earth to both realize and apply this principle as we are, for the most part, confined to our homes. We further understand that You are working all of this together for the good of Your Kingdom. To this, we say praise You, Lord, for You are infinitely wise and know how to increase the strength of Your people with just a Word. Let this be a time where we all go to a mountain alone to pray and seek Your face and return stronger for the days to come because while on the mountain You spoke into our lives. Father, only let us be still and know that You are God and speak into every

heart in this hour to strengthen and equip and prepare Your body, in Jesus name.
Amen

Sidenote: I believe that right now as the body of Christ we are in a season of extreme preparation to be more reliant on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In this time I encourage every believer to take this time that we have been afforded and draw nearer to Christ than you ever have before. It may just be that each of us has been called to such a time as this and also for a time to come. To validate this perspective I will share quickly a recent experience that I had with the Lord. On March 4th, before this national emergency was declared the Holy Spirit had me write something for a new book that I have been working on about the need for the church today to come back to full reliance upon the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. It was in this writing that I wrote asking a question that asked what if we were not allowed to attend a church due to religious persecution or because our religious liberties were taken away. The premise was primarily, would our roots into Christ be strong enough to sustain us if we were no longer able to just simply attend a church service. This line of questioning has the idea in it of religious persecution and removal of our religious liberties in it, however, I wonder if this pandemic is a time of preparation for what may be yet to come. I do know and am fully confident that the Lord gave this line of questioning to me to prepare me for what has actually come (inability to attend church services). The underlying idea is that so many in America have become so used to attending a service on whatever day that they have forgotten what it means to be a Christian. It was never intended to be merely about a service for people to attend, but a service to be lived out in Spirit and truth to the Lord Jesus Christ. Maybe this time of isolation is preparing the people each individually to rely on the Lord and not on human strength. Please understand that I am in no way advocating the removal of gathering as Christians. I am, however, issuing the perspective that we each may need a mountain top experience to really know Christ and the power of His resurrection in a very personal and intimate way. We have become so used to relying on one person after another to give us a message each week and have forgotten what it is like to hear from God each individually. Now, I understand further that this is not a blanket statement for every believer because I know there are those whose hearts are firm and faithful in the Lord. I am just offering some wisdom in this hour that I truly pray will open the eyes of God's beloved Church to come to that beautiful place of revelation and strength in the Lord alone. May the Lord enrich You in every aspect of His will and Word in this season of our life and may we all come to the unity of the faith, to mature manhood in Christ, in Jesus name. Amen.

In Christ's Love,
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