

## HIND'S FEET ON HIGH PLACES

### Chapter 8 Study Notes – On the Old Sea Wall

*The Lord cannot direct steps, we are not willing to take...*

The theme of this week definitely is... We are decreasing, in that Jesus may increase within us... This is full surrender now, not partial... not one foot in the Kingdom and one foot in the ways of worldly sin. It seems these days all are being squeezed and what is inside is coming out... some for the good and others for the bad. It reminds me of a tube of toothpaste being squeezed and just plopping out everywhere. Many people are truly, not okay, Lord help them. It is at the alter we lay our will, our lives, our hearts and desires – basically our lives – altogether down before the Lord. And we are starting to see, especially in this book study just how purposeful every single season in our lives, since birth is precious and purposeful... Even what we may consider tragic and terrible – it led us to His alter, to lay in surrender at His feet and be saved, with the eternal hope and glory granted unto us as children of the Lord. He over and over reminds us... He has a plan and its perfect and all we need is just a tiny seed of belief and He will take it from there...

There are our plans and there are God's plans... I keep praying somehow, someday they will intersect in all our lives as He removes our stubborn heart of flesh, giving us a new heart – that is moldable, conforming willingly without resistance to His ways and plans. A stoney heart is very stubborn, rigid due to rebellion. But a new heart will love as He loves, forgive easily, show mercy and compassion... and share in the desirable plans of Jesus be carried out daily in our lives, spreading out to others and to the World.

These most certainly are the days of sorrow, but again... so precious and so purposed, as we learn to let Him lead, while we humbly follow...

Some key takeaways from this week are:

Equaled to those mocking terrible whispers from the enemy that come to us as serpents, we being His child are empowered trample them under our feet. Knowing truth with eyes wide open spiritually we recognize Jesus's voice, which is in strict contrast to the enemy's and quickly we resist his taunting lies, over entertaining them, coming into agreement with them and permitting them to settle into our hearts and mind. It is only through surrender to Jesus first, we have the will it takes to defeat the enemy and not identify with his accusations.

As His child, we readily accept our identity in Him – He grants us ears to hear only Him and then a new heart open to then obey what He has spoken. When we are truly His child – we do both. Having ears to hear, in turn we have a heart to obey. This is a part of fullness, oneness in Him. He opens the eyes of the blind to see Him and changes the hearts to follow Him by the laying down of life and will.

Tears are a spoken message from our heart to His... they are precious to Him, pure and move Him to come to our rescue, intervene and comfort us. Jesus was always moved to act due to His compassion... the heart speaks in ways we cannot and oftentimes, it is through tears.

Don't ever be shy or retreat from calling upon Jesus... He is waiting for us to call upon Him. No desire or need is to small or big when it concerns you – He can handle all of our troubles, at the same time. Rest assured, if something matters to you – it matters to Him. It is with truth, we defeat the lies the enemy has tried using to pull us away from Jesus.

## Today's Scriptures:

### Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But *when* the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

*Hoping in anything outside of the Lord will weaken us and make us sick in the soul, but when Jesus is the One we desire, He comes to us, we take of Him and eat of Him as the sustaining tree of life He is. As we rest in His peace, knowing His will is best for us, we begin to no longer long for those things which can never satisfy us like He can.*

### Mathew 16:24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

*What does the cross represent? Suffering, although temporary... it is an intricate piece to denying ourselves and following Jesus. Our flesh is against suffering, but there is something treasured in the dying of self in order to follow Jesus, welcoming Him in to be Lord in our lives.*

### Luke 10:19

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

*When we take captive all that rises up against the promises of God spoken over us, we reach this surrendered place to the point... NOTHING CAN HURT US... Why? Because even if hurt temporarily... Jesus restores us permanently. Our authority comes in because we have the choice to rule our own lives or let Jesus inhabit us and rule over us. The truth is, it is mainly when we step outside of Him pain comes knocking on our doorsteps and we forget to call upon the Lord for full restoration. We seem to stay in that place of pain longer than necessary quite often.*

### Mark 10:51-52

So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, <sup>[a]</sup>"Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has <sup>[b]</sup>made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

*We often have not, because we ask not or maybe we do ask, but its for carnal reasons – not for our good will. Have you ever been in need and yet do not even have words to express what you want Jesus to do for you? Thankfully, He knows what we need better than we do, so all we have to do is just cry out to Him in sincerity. This is spiritual blindness... being inconsolable... not even sure what the Lord and do to make you feel better. The blind man received sight because he asked for it... but look, did you see? After he asked, had enough faith to receive and was healed... He received his sight and THEN FOLLOWED JESUS... I think we have slightly forgotten the very most important part of healing – the end result and goal is that afterwards... WE FOLLOW JESUS. And I hate to say, so please forgive me, but many people are not healed for this same reason, they would not follow Jesus afterwards, but run right back out into sin and the world.*

### 1 Samuel 3:10

Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

*I loved this one... the Lord calls our name over and over until... we are willingly ready to listen – to HEAR Him both with our ears and follow Him with our hearts. We often stumble when we hear only with ears and not our hearts. It is both the ears and the heart working as one in complete surrender to Him, we are able to follow His still small voice and obey. Until then... He just keeps calling out our name, over and over...*

#### **John 11:4**

When Jesus heard *that*, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.

*I just wanted to point this one out so we are reminded once again why healing comes to us... It is only for His glory, not ours or the wisdom of man through some concocted devise, strength, power, authoritative command or anything else found on this human plane of existence. Some people do get sick and die, should Jesus delay His coming each one of us will die eventually – and this is all a part of God's plan for humanity, so there's no need to fight it, but have peace that His willful design is being carried out. Also though, people do get sick at time – believers/non-believers... but we should be better, set apart and different – we should glorify Him in all healing and WAIT FOR IT TO COME... in His timing, His way. Commanding out of self-power, boasting, etc... will delay the miraculous process every single time, because the Lord never, even shares His glory with mere man.*

#### **Luke 8:24-25**

Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

*Do we, like the disciples, need proof to believe? Do we need a storm sent over and over in our lives to produce faith overrides fear every single time? Or have we seen enough, read enough to fully believe He actually is ready to rise in all the trials we face, just as it is written – HE COMMANDS even winds and waters of the oceans and THEY OBEY HIM. Maybe we should be more like the waves and less peopley at times...*

#### **Psalms 27:6**

And now my head shall be <sup>u</sup>lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of <sup>u</sup>joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

*We, you, me all of us are to sacrifice ourselves before the alter of Jesus. Laying our lives down daily for His purpose and cause. In return... our joy is restored and we praise Him continually for His will being done, not ours. This is a daily command He has given us – to DAILY pick up our cross and follow Him – to DAILY die to self. Its not an option, it's a command, should we desire to overcome all forms of darkness surrounding us. And please do not forget, sometimes we are, our worst enemy in this respect.*

#### **Ezekiel 36:26**

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

*I loved this one too when the Lord showed me a little more about it... He showed me how a heart of stone is full of stubbornness and rebellion – self-seeking, wanting to gratify flesh ways and desires that our will be done, even if it kills us and we perish. But once He gives us a new heart – it seeks to surrender, suffer if need be for His glory, receiving a lifeline only manifested through Him.*

## **CHAPTER 8 – On The Old Sea Wall**

Next I wanted to talk about tears for a moment... Mainly because so many of us have been suffering a lot. Still willing to follow Jesus, not even complaining or anything like that... But tearful much... Just like Much Afraid. And I never, ever want to convey – your strength, my strength...but rather it is okay to cry out to Jesus. You do not have to be tough, carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders with a painted on happy face when inwardly you are bawling and crying your eyes out... this is opposing yourself, hypocritical, even to the point of deceiving others, including yourself.

The Lord kept pressing upon my heart to tell you... It is more than okay to cry out to Him, as a matter of fact He longs for you to do so. I just kept getting the feeling some of you have put on your armor, talking yourself into being strong in front of others to the point it is a façade... How you choose to present yourself to others, that is up to you, but please do not guard your heart from Jesus – your brother, your friend, your Bridegroom and Savior like that. He wants us to come to Him with transparency... the truth is He already knows us, better than we know ourselves and is calling each of names again and again, just waiting for a moment, a chance to embrace us. He is the only One Who doesn't mock, scoff or turn us away in our brokenness – but instead He does this...

### **Psalms 56:8**

You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; *Are they* not in Your book?

### **Isaiah 25:8**

He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

### **Revelation 7:17**

for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to <sup>[a]</sup>living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

### **Revelation 21:4**

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away

### **This week's reflection:**

How can I be more transparent in calling upon Jesus to heal me and force myself to believe and trust in His healing comfort, so that I call upon Him immediately in my distress? This is believing without seeing and He desires to reveal Himself to us in truth.