

## HIND'S FEET ON HIGH PLACES

### Chapter 9 Study Notes – Great Precipice Injury

First off... I just want to say thank you to everyone who prayed for us, especially Shelby following her car wreck this week. The Lord was surely with her when this girl hit her because it certainly could have been so much worse. We thank Him and praise Him for keeping her safe. I keep telling her, a car can be replaced, but she cannot be. I was thinking about how one, I had prayed for boldness and two... the title of this week's chapter of Hinds Feet On High Places – Great Precipice Injury... and how all this is unfolding as demonstration of no matter our injury... Jesus is with us, heals us, comforts us and that truly, when we are walking in such harmful scenarios leaning upon Him is the only way we will make it through.

This is a reminder to me... in a blink, one quick trip to the auto store for windshield wipers, one phone call... everything can change in the twinkling of an eye. That 3 minute drive to the crash site, was probably one of the scariest things I have ever been through – not knowing what I would be facing in a matter of minutes... as I drove up, parked my car, sprinting into the middle of a four-lane highway in my jammies no less – I looked outwardly like the hot mess I was inwardly... and I saw her, she was alert and crying hysterically and I sighed, for just a moment I sighed... and I thanked the Lord, knowing we, the three of us – Him, Shelby and I could get through this... and we are, because of Him. So the boldness comes in, because now more than ever I give Him glory to anyone who asks about Shelby – because we all know, this isn't about Shelby, although it is, but it is more than anything all about Him. The goodness that was designed to come out of this tragedy is already unfolding in miraculous ways, too many outcomes to name truly. As she heals, inwardly and outwardly, we still have many unknowns, so keep us lifted up if you do not mind. But most importantly Jesus is with us and this time, we know it. Last thing... I must confess as I ran out of my house to get to her, I was hysterical... But something changed in me this time and I really believe it has so much to do with our study, especially this chapter, maybe one more step closer to wholeness – like I said, I was crying on my way almost to the point of hyperventilating... but this time, I was not and am not ashamed of my panic – which is huge. I ran to Jesus, desperately needing Him depleted of all strength – ugly crying as my kids call it... and I can fully say, I no longer apologize or care about how I present myself before Him – meaning He says come as we are and I did it. So as the testimonies of this event continue to unfold, like in the middle of the night when we got home from the hospital and Shelby kicked everyone out of her room saying... I am very, very mad at that girl who hit me – get out, I need to read my Bible and spend time with Jesus because I am not okay in my mind and heart. To see the Lord demonstrate His love to her in her time of brokenness and for her to go to Him like that is something I have prayed for, for a long time. Okay – enough of that, but again, thank you all so much for keeping us in your hearts and prayers.

#### Let's get started...

#### CHAPTER 9 – Great Precipice Injury

Precipice means – extremely close to danger, disaster or failure. I call it hanging by a thread, some say brink... but whatever it is... you are pinned in a corner facing a fearful situation.

I have a subtitle for this chapter – *Rainbows and Mountains*.

Mountains because that is where we are invited in for a divine encounter with our Lord Jesus. In the Bible mountains represent important covenants, events that are surely significant in gut wrenching terrains where God's power and presence prevails. In these moments we are granted an opportunity for special closeness with the Lord and this is where He often reveals to us the special plans He has for us for our lives. Mountains definitely contain great obstacles we are presented to face, but turn quickly into a place of refuge when we call

upon Him and cling to Him in and through it all. We too learn from His word in times of great distress, we are commanded to “flee to the mountains” in order to be embraced by God’s love, which cannot be shaken. The height of the mountains symbolically represent a closeness to God driven by our desire to meditate on Him and commune with Him and in return we receive of Him... becoming steady, strong and encouraged in the shaking, we shall not tremble, for He alone lifts us up.

Rainbows because of the promise which manifests before our very eyes that the Lord cares and we are one with Him always, for as long as we desire to be. Genesis 9:13 says... I have set my rainbow in the clouds and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. The New Covenant is intimate and personal... going from the Lord and the Earth to the sealing of Him and us individually. After any calamity in our lives, He sends that same promise to us spiritually – and if we look into His goodness, rather than the tumultuous event, we quickly see His hand was covering us this whole time. The promise is – nothing shall overtake us, but that He is using all trials for our growth and His glory simultaneously so that through these tests, the fruit of a testimony of His great influence and name is sealed within our hearts, flowing out of our mouths. Just as no one can etch a beautiful rainbow in the sky above us but our Father, no one but Him can usher in His goodness and promises over each of our lives like Him. It may rain upon us occasionally, but He always, always reminds us of Himself when the sun arises, filling us with colorful hopes and promises.

Today we are reminded that the best paths always look impossible to the natural eye, so we do not attempt to take this journey of life alone. Our Lord is just so very, very compassionate to us when we are afraid. When we need Him the most, He is most pleased to come to us immediately, without delay. Although, we may think a delay is present, it actually is when He is closest to us, cultivating a greater sense of intimacy through His transforming power.

### **Today’s Scriptures:**

#### **Romans 8:18**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

*Presently we suffer at times, but none of that matters when we consider how needed this purification process actually is, in order His glory is manifested in and through us. It is all about HIM increasing within us, us decreasing so HE MAY ACTUALLY appear through every aspect of our lives continually.*

#### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall <sup>la</sup>direct your paths.

*We all need this word so very much, especially now. Not only do we need Him to direct our paths, our very lives depend on it. We cannot walk this Earth any longer leaning on our own understanding or even one another’s. We must faithfully believe in Him with our whole hearts to make it through until the end.*

#### **1 Peter 2:8**

“A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

*Boy is this ever a relevant scripture for today... Jesus is greatly where people start to stumble by getting extremely offended by even the mentioning of His Name or the truth, integrity, ways He expects His own to behave, etc... Hundreds of people gather in fellowship – but bring up sin and only few repent, most are offended. Killings right now are occurring due to offense and that is by so called disobedient/offended believers. This is a wake up call for us all... Our reminder today to look inwardly and ask – Am I offended by Jesus saying – go and sin no more? That one verse is like a sword to the heart for so many people these days, who lean on their own understanding – calling evil good and good evil – these are clearly disobedient children of God.*

#### **Luke 4:11**

**'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'** "

*I just wanted to throw this one there, because I love this verse... it reminds us we are truly never alone – Jesus walks with us AND He sends angels to keep charge over us – meaning they rescue us when out of ignorance (not rebellion) we might permanently injure ourselves – physically or in the heart/soul.*

#### **Mathew 7:14**

**Because narrow is the gate and <sup>is</sup> difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.**

*This verse speaks to itself... and it's becoming very evident these days... very few choose to walk narrowly with the Lord because living as His in this life these days can be so difficult and its going to get worse. He warns us here, very few will maintain this righteous walk until the very end, sadly.*

#### **1 Samuel 30:6**

**Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was <sup>was</sup>grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.**

*Just thought I found the perfect example of us at times: distress, people wanting to harm us in words/deeds due to being so offended at us... as a reminded we can only be strengthened in the Lord Himself. We may encourage one another, but enduring strength to make it the whole through only comes from Him.*

#### **John 15:5**

**I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

*We all need to focus much more on whether our fruit looks the same as Jesus's? This fruit, is how we appear before others – outwardly we are a reflection of our inwardly truth. What we say, think, do, how we behave, present ourselves – kept and clean, orderly... all of it matters – Jesus represents excellency and therefore, we must examine ourselves fully to insure our fruit resembles Him in every way possible to the best of our ability by **AVOIDING ALL APPEARANCES** of evil. If evil is not how we appear and it shouldn't be... then goodness should be. Hopefully, that makes sense.*

## CHAPTER 9 – Great Precipice Injury

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*The Father says today that there are not many traveling companions on the narrow path. In fact, there are times it will be just you and I alone. I created you to be a social creature, and it is true I set the solitary in families, but there is a season and an hour that you must push forward without the comfort of a circle of support. Know this, says the Father, that I will never forsake you and I will never leave you. I will reproduce Myself in you and give you inward strength when every outward resource is no longer available. I am the friend that sticks closer than a brother, more intimate than your nearest family member. In those moments that the isolation sets in, you will come to know where the idols in your heart are found. Go ahead and dig them up and eject them from your affections. I am a jealous God and will tolerate no other, says the Father. So despair not, neither question the winding unusual turns that you may take. Just know that I am here, and under My pinions you will never come to harm.*

*This period of solitude is not punishment, but a divine appointment for a deeper connection with Me. It is in the quiet moments of your journey that I reveal My secrets and impart My wisdom. Do not mistake the lack of human company for a lack of My presence. On the contrary, this is a time for you to learn to lean wholly on Me, to hear My voice with greater clarity, and to be filled with My very nature. I am molding you into a vessel of honor, refining you in the fire of loneliness so that you may emerge with the pure gold of character. The path may seem lonely now, but it is leading you to a place of profound intimacy and unshakeable faith. I am preparing you for a future where your strength is not found in the support of others, but in the unwavering reality of My presence within you. Trust in the process, for I am at work, transforming your isolation into a foundation of spiritual power that will sustain you through all that lies ahead.*

### Key Takeaways:

- As long as we keep our crying out focused on just Jesus... we find all things purposed, reside in Him and we are truly going to be okay, no matter what comes our way. His love always casts all fear away from us, when our identity of a child of God is found in the only Son of God, Jesus. Who just happens to be the first of many brethren, including you.
- When those vain imaginations come like a flood into your mind, you begin to imagine worst case scenarios and if we do not take captive those thoughts – we call them down into our lives to perform and it will unravel you. As we think, so are we and then we will begin to walk out as if the worst case scenario is truth, when it isn't. Then we drift farther away from truth to the point we are reactive in our responses, instead of grounded in Jesus because it is through Him our help comes.
- In order to be obedient... 9 times out of 10 we will have to die to self in situations when we do not want to do so. Keep in mind the easy way is usually not His way, nor the plans He has for us that benefit us the most.

- **IMPORTANT – Our Lord Jesus is of very tender compassion to them that are afraid.** People and the enemy will often tell you differently or even gloss over this truth as if it doesn't matter. But, boy oh boy does this matter... Jesus looks for us in our time of need because that is when we are most honest with Him and ourselves. When afraid we are authentic in our weakness and Jesus comes running when we call and is thrilled to embrace us in His compassionate mercies.
- One of my favorite parts of this chapter is one I could really relate too... when she said, "I don't really think I want hinds feet after all..." Or something to that nature and her transparency is just precious in that moment. I sometimes don't think I want hinds feet either because like her, I feel so broken at times. When she made this statement, Jesus was tickled – because He knew she was finally ready to make Him her all in all. The same is true for each of us, as well. When we feel like a castaway... that is when we are most precious to Jesus and most shunned by all others.
- Once the storm passes... make sure to make an altar before Jesus of gratitude, thanking Him for all He did to prevent what really could have happened had He not prevailed to place His hedge of protection around you. Because Jesus commands His love towards us... it's a gift, He wouldn't have to do all this for us and I see so many people with a spirit of entitlement as if Jesus owes them life and prosperity. Would we follow Him all of our tomorrows if He did nothing else for us? That's the real question, knowing He already gave us eternal life. He owes us nothing, but gives us everything good.
- He turns – weakness into strength, fear into faith and that marred thing (us) into perfection. Day by day His hand is upon us while He is doing a very special work in us. This is called transformation and sanctification, thank You Jesus.
- We must daily look for ways to make Jesus Lord, ruling in our lives. It's a choice to follow Him or not. There's only a remnant now on Earth that does not often reject Him, but that should be none of us, who are called according to HIS PURPOSE, not our own purpose, HIS.

## CHAPTER 10 – Ascent On the Precipice Injury

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