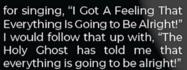


I GOT A FEELING THAT EVERYTHING...

From September 1982 to December 2000, I founded and pastored a congregation Waterloo, Iowa.

I was so young and ambitious that I named that work "The Gift of Life Evangelistic Center"! The vision was to inspire life through Christ Jesus and then live life to effect change in our community with a global reach. (Ah, the dreams of a young man.) I eventually "matured" to the idea that what God had in mind was ministry, which led to Gift of Life Ministries.

During those years, I was known



Years later, we live in turbulent times, the Bible speaks of our time in this manner.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and the stars; and upon the earth DISTRESS OF NATIONS, with PERPLEXITY; and the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." This is from the Gospel of Luke the 21st chapter.

At the time of this writing, the Trump Administration has dropped "bunker busters" on strategic sites in Iran. Yes, we are living in perplexing times. Someone once defined "perplex" as meaning "no way out!" Let that sink in. But... I got a feeling that...

That feeling comes from a faith that we serve a God and have witnessed the manifestations of that God, Who is beyond things, above things, moves in things, and works on things to work out things! It does not matter who

sits on earthly thrones: God is the final word.

This is the reason King Solomon said the following.

> "I have seen the travail. which God hath given to the sons of men



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to be exercised in it. He made everything beautiful in his time; also, he set the world in their heart so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end!"

Did you see that? "... EVERY THING BEAUTIFUL IN HIS TIME..."

This tells methat what and WHO God has formed and fashioned will bring completeness as we yield to the process of time. What God has created will be "beautiful" and complete in the time that God has appointed.

No wonder the songwriter made it into a melody, "Please be patient with me. God is not through with me yet. I shall come forth as pure gold when God gets through with me!"

Why is the thing "beautiful"? Because what has been created has been realized in its appointed/ completed time.

Yes, we are living in perplexing times, but I have a feeling that God will have the final word. Thus, I have a feeling that everything is going to be alright!

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