

## Inspirations Newsletter (April 21, 2008)

## PRESSING THROUGH

**Psalm 81:8-14 (NKJV):** <sup>8</sup>"Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me! <sup>9</sup>There shall be no foreign god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god. <sup>10</sup>I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. <sup>11</sup>"But my people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me. <sup>12</sup>So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels. <sup>13</sup>"Oh that My people would listen Me, That Israel would walk in My ways! <sup>14</sup>I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries."

When I was doing my devotional yesterday morning, these verses really touched my heart, because it took me back to the time when I was first learning how to press through my circumstances. At the time, I had never read this scripture. However, I had read **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**:

<sup>3</sup>For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup>casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, <sup>6</sup>and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled (**NKJV**).

As I was reading in Psalms yesterday morning, I was taken back to when I first realized I had to change in order for things around me to change. One of the first things I had to change was to learn who my real enemy is. People are not my enemy. Circumstances are not my enemy. My enemy is anything that is within my heart that keeps me from loving God and loving people. More often than not, the circumstances that come my way are intended to help refine my character.

When I look at what these verses in Psalms are speaking I realize that much of what was happening in my life back then was because I would not listen to what God was telling me. Even now, when I allow myself to dwell on my feelings or on my circumstances, I find myself on a path that leads away from God instead of towards God. But, as soon as I seek God's heart in a situation, I am able to see the circumstances and the people involved in a much different way.

My prayer today is all those who are struggling in relationships would receive an impartation of God's grace as they read these verses. Father, I pray that just as You delivered me and helped me bring my thoughts into captivity that You would do the same for anyone who is struggling today to find peace in the midst of the storm. I ask that anyone who is reading this newsletter would receive an impartation of Your love.

## Reflections & Revelations Newsletter (September 28, 2007)

Father, there are so many hurting hearts in the body of Christ today. I can feel the grief of Your heart as the fiery darts of the enemy continue to find their mark. Lord God, bring us to a new level of understanding of Your armor. Bring us to a new level of understanding of our purpose in life as we seek to serve You. Father, I give You all glory, all honor, and all praise for the work Your Truth has done in my life. May that Truth bring freedom and grace to all those who receive this prayer. I thank You, and I praise You Father. In Jesus' name. Amen!

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