

Victory in Christ Kingdom

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Perfectly Positioned for a Reset

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Eric Susberry Pastor

God wants you and I to take this opportunity for a spiritual reset.

When computers are reset, it clears any errors and brings a system to normal condition or to an initial state.

I am convinced that this medical and cultural pandemic has perfectly positioned us for a spiritual reset.

I am reminded of Habakkuk the Prophet who was going through a time of national crisis and he sought God as to why these things in society were taking place.

God responded in Habakkuk 1:5, that if He told him all that he was doing and involved in, he would not believe it.

The thing we can be sure about during this difficult time we all are in is God is still on His throne.

He is still in control. He can still be trusted. He is still our helper.

He is still Great, Merciful, Caring, Good and Loving.

One awesome thing we can still be assured of about God is He will take every opportunity in our lives to draw us closer to Him and grow us up by positioning us for a reset.

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Have You Settled That the Lord is with You?



Caren Susberry Assistant Pastor

It is no small thing that the God of the universe, the God who created everything, the God who loved us enough to send Jesus to die in our place and says I am with you; is in fact with you!

The question is, have you settled it in your heart that the Lord is indeed, with you? As you are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, the COVID-19 Pandemic; and everything else that is going on. You have to settle it in your heart and mind that the Lord is with you and what that means to you.

King David made a bold confessing, "I will fear no evil; for you are with me..." (Psalms 23:4). David knew God was with him from his youth, therefore when trouble confronted Him, he was resolved and not afraid.

In my youth, I discovered the Lord was with me. As I look back, the hand of the Lord was directing me my whole life. It is when you discover He is with you that the fear leaves. The Lord led me to scripture, and taking Him at His Word was very important.

It wasn't until after I was filled with His Spirit that I was assured of the presence of the Lord.
God had a specific plan for my life and the Holy Spirit was leading me into it

Everything in my life was not, a bed of roses, but I knew the Lord was with me. The same is true of every born-again, spirit filled believer.

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Have yourself a Spiritual Reset

Perfectly Positioned...cont.

Here are a few areas that we can seize the opportunity to grow more in God:

Reset #1:

It is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord through prayer, study of the Word, meditation, obedience and faith.

Reset #2:

It is an opportunity for believers to allow kindness and the rest of the Fruit of the Spirit to flow out of us to others, revealing the beauty of Christ and the Church.

Reset #3:

It is an opportunity to focus in on sharing the glorious message of hope found in the person of Jesus Christ.

However, as great as that message of hope is, it is not hope if it is not shared with those who need hope the most.

Our prayer is that you make every effort to allow God to perfectly position you for a spiritual reset in these 3 key ways.

Have You Settled...cont.

Even when you can't see it; you must believe it – simply because He said it in His Word. "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you (Deut. 31:6)."

Today we must believe that God is with His people. Let's make it personal, you must believe the Lord is with you! It doesn't matter that things are unusual and extremely difficult. It doesn't matter that COVID-19 has taken

many lives and has made life almost impossible. God is with you! It doesn't matter that our whole nation is in civil unrest and that COVID-19 is only one of the enemies in our black and brown communities.

There is insurrection in our nation and gun violence in our streets. One thing remains certain - God is with us. No matter how strange, uncomfortable and frightening it may be, you have a wonderful truth; "The Lord Is with You!" This means He is with you in strength and power. He

is your protector; He is present to help you in trouble.

He is the God who speaks a word and things change. He is the God who has also given you authority and power to believe and speak victory in your circumstances.

He is never defeated or at a loss of what to do.
Neither are you because
He is with you! His purposes will be exalted in the earth! Because He is with you, you can call on the Lord and He will answer you – God is with His people!

have. For He Himself has said,"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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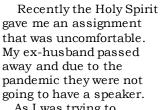
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Hebrews 13:5 NKJV

Obeying the Holy Spirit & Reaping the Rewards ~Darlene McGhee



As I was trying to determine my role in the funeral arrangements the Holy Spirit said, "You can speak." Me? I am not a public or private speaker. To my surprise I submitted to the Holy Spirit pretty quickly. I actually wanted to do it. I thought this could be a good opportunity to do an alter call.

I had never done this before, so I looked up scriptures to find strength from God's Word. I read Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I clung to Hebrews 4:13, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace."

And I found peace in Exodus 4:12, "I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." I meditated on those scriptures when I prayed.



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Obeying the Holy Spirit...cont.

The weeks leading up to the service were long and hectic due to the pandemic. One day a chapter came to me, Mark 6:1-6; when Jesus went to His home town and was met with rejection.

It reminded me of every time I have tried to speak about God or share scripture with my family. What if they reject me again? I expected the devil to attack, but I didn't see him coming with scripture.

Then I realized, "duh, he knows scripture too." Rejection is such a hard pill to swallow and I did start to feel uneasy, but I kept to the word. I can do all things. The Holy Spirit speaks through me. I had all kinds of thoughts in those few weeks, but the one constant through it

was God's word.

The day came and the Devil was still busy and he tried again. I was admittedly a little anxious, but then I felt the Holy Spirit move me. I walked to the front to do what the Holy Spirit asked me to do. Before I took the mic I felt an acceptance in everyone's mood. Thank you Holy Spirit!

I opened the service with a prayer. I spoke briefly of the love of God and how we are to love one another. I kept it short. My focus was on the alter call. I asked if anyone wanted to recommit their lives to Christ and if they had not done so before, if they wanted to commit their life to Christ for the first time. I explained the Romans Road scriptures of salvation, one by one to ensure they

understood.

When it came time for them to say the prayer, I asked them to repeat after me. I heard the voices that repeated the prayers and it was a sweet sweet sound in my ear.

Without the help of the Holy Spirit none of this would have come to pass. I have been praying for the salvation of my family for a long time. I thank God for Pastor's that teach the true Word of God. For without their teachings, I would not be here. I thank the Holy Spirit for boldness and the encouragement to stand through scripture.

My reward for obeying the Holy Spirit was priceless. My family has recommitted their lives to the Lord and one is newly saved. Thank You Lord! Dear Mother Eunice, with all of the civil unrest due to the police killing of an unarmed black man and the responsive protests of the Black Lives Matter movement, what is the right Christian response? If racism is a sin problemand I know that it is-what do I do?

There are a lot of writings that address this, but let me give you God's words. Proverbs 17:15 says that "He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the just, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord." God hates injustice. If you've ever read the Bible you can see that. Many a nation He destroyed for their wicked acts towards the innocent. And what grieves God, should grieve us. But God doesn't just want us to be moved by others' plights, we must act. Micah 6:8 says, "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Proverbs 31:8 says, "Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die." Friends, it is not enough to say that racism is a sin problem, and the only solution is to pray. That answer smacks of the same hypocrisy raised in James 2:15-17.

The Christian response is not to sit idle on the sidelines. You don't have to walk the streets in protest, but I do challenge you to find a way to make a difference in this time. I personally believe that it is required of you.

Please joins us on 08.07.2020 for the All Men's Prayer Conference Call!*



Upcoming Events

Young Adult Elevate Bible Study



Every Thursday at 7pm on Zoom*!

Children's Ministry Bible Study



Every Monday at 7pm on Zoom!

Teen's Ministry
Living Proof Bible Study



Every Sunday at 3pm on Google Meet!

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Sunday Service*

at: 8:00 am at: 10:00 am

Midweek Service Wednesday at 7pm

*The Nursery is temporarily closed during Sunday & Midweek Services.

The church is open with limited seating for each service.

Want to Know More About Our Church?



Praise God we paid off our church last year and now we can do some much needed repairs to our church building! Don't forget to finish your Building Fund Pledge!

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 am Prayer Conference Call

Every Saturday 7:00 am - 8:30 am At Church While Maintaining Social Distancing Guidelines

Fast Day Every Tuesday Fast until Noon Sunday Bible School classes are temporarily suspended due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We hope to see you once classes resume!



Coming in 2020: Bookstore

Victory in Christ Kingdom a place where you can walk in total success in all areas of your life!

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