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Happy November! November 2020

And Happy Thanksgiving to everyone here in America! At the time of the writing of this newsletter, we are DAYS away from the most important election of our lifetime here in the US. Some of you overseas have had your elections already. All around the world, people are living on the edge of their seats anxious about what will happen next. America is the most powerful nation in the world and people are looking at us to set the tone for what's coming. We're awaiting the results of the election and what will soon follow. Will there be another worldwide shut down? Some countries have already started shutting down. Will 2021 look anything like this year did? Will there be any shortages in the grocery stores or limits on buying food or other goods? Here in the US people have started wiping out the shelves from things like toilet paper! Will there continue to be more mandates like masks, curfews and social distancing in 2021? In some countries people are being arrested for not wearing masks and respecting curfews!

We are facing some major changes to come, **but God** never changes. **HE is steadfast and immovable in every way.** The devil is already planting seeds of worry, fear and uncertainty as we enter in what is supposed to be the most joyful time of the year. Thanksgiving and the birth of Christ! The news is already buzzing with stories of major cities here in the US boarding up and preparing for riots and violence in the streets in the aftermath of the elections. But our God remains the same yesterday, today and forever. He doesn't change. He cannot change (Hebrews 13:8). That's why it's so important for *us* to remain immovable and steadfast in prayer and in the Word like we talked about in last month's newsletter, despite the fact that everything around us is constantly moving and changing like the wind! The Bible tells us in John 3:8a, "The wind blows wherever it pleases", so it is with the changing world around us, but it doesn't have to be like that with believers.

When we remain immovable and constant by reading the Word and staying united with the Father in prayer, we are in a position of receiving from Him. When and only when, we make the decision to remain steadfast instead of moving with the tide, our position changes. We can now move into a posture of expectancy and receiving from our heavenly Father. In our family, we are always encouraging each other to remain steadfast and expect that God will move mountains in our favor! Our son, Emmanuel, found out a few months ago that his job is moving out of state and if he chooses not to move with the company, he will be without a job in February.But our God is faithful! He has a choice right now to murmur and complain about his situation or to remain in a state of expectancy believing our God will come through for him and his family. There are so many examples in the Word of God about men and women who chose to remain steadfast even though their situation seemed hopeless. Hannah wept year after year behind a closed door because she could not conceive but God gave her a child (1 Samuel)! Millions of Israelites needed food in the wilderness and warmth at night **but God** provided supernatural manna in the morning and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 35)! Elijah needed to be fed while he was on the run for his life from Jezebel but God sent an Angel with food and water that sustained him for 40 days and 40 nights (1 Kings 19)! Jesus was faced with a crowd of over 5,000 hungry men, women and children after ministering to them but God fed them all with a little boy's lunch of 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish (John 6)! Daniel was stuck in a den of hungry ferocious lions but God sent an Angel to supernaturally shut the mouths of those lions and he escaped without a scratch (Daniel 6)! BUT GOD!! He came through for every single one of them because they knew that they knew that they knew that their God was and is THE God and He remains faithful forever. Amen. They received because they expected. We receive when we expect.

You might be thinking, Oh Brother John and Sister Alexandra, those things happened in the Bible times, things aren't that way anymore. We live in modern times and times are changing. Our response would be, if God is the same yesterday, today and forever and if He never changes, then why can't we expect He'll come through for us like He did for them? If your life and your actions are pleasing to God and if you

remain in Him and His Word remains in you, the Bible says we can ask whatever we want and it will be done for us (John 15:17). But God's Word never fails! Our Father, the Good Shepherd, provides for our needs and leads us beside still waters and makes us lie down in green pastures (Ps. 23). He will make our cup run over! Looking back over the last 10 months we haven't had any deficit in this Ministry. We have lacked no good thing!

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Psalm 34:10 NIV

We have actually received countless testimonies of partners, just like you, who have had a supernatural increase in finances this year despite their salaries and hours being cut! The same goes for our family. Some of our kids' hours were cut, but they did not lack anything. Some of them paid off more debt this year than any other year! Our God is still the same! With God we should never anticipate deficit or lack. We have to come to Him with expectancy because He is our good, good Father. A good earthly father provides for his family and always makes sure they have everything they need. Even more so is our Heavenly Father. He provides for our every need (Matthew 7:11).

The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. Psalm 103:13NLT

It may sound repetitive to say it over and over, but we believe it's important to repeat it until it gets down into our spirit man where our faith grows stronger and stronger. Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." But God is faithful to His Word! We will be healthy, our businesses will prosper, our salaries will stay the same or increase and many lives will be won for His Kingdom! We refuse to accept that the effects of 2020 will impact us, our families or our Ministry. And we believe the same thing for you, friend! We believe this year will not end until we see the glory and goodness of God in our lives!

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8NIV

As we approach Thanksgiving and enter into the holiday season, we want to tell you how thankful we are for you, dear friends. Like we mentioned before, even though we didn't travel at all this year, the spreading of the Gospel didn't stop. In fact, we were able to reach more souls for the Kingdom of God through social media, Facebook Live videos and YouTube programs than ever before. God expanded our Ministry in parts of the world that we had never reached before. We hope you will be encouraged to know your support has helped spread the Word of God beyond what we could ask, think or imagine (Eph 3:20). Your partnership is giving people the opportunity to know Jesus and enter into a personal relationship with Him! Our God can bring increase in times of difficulties because our God doesn't experience lack or deficit! And neither should we, as His children, ever accept that in our lives! We serve a mighty God!

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20

We pray, "The Lord would bless you and keep, make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 This is our prayer for you as you enter this season of the elections, of the holidays, of Thanksgiving and of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Who was born, who died, who rose from the grave and who will come again for all of his faithful followers, His children, very soon.

In His Love,

John & Alexandra