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Happy New Year, friends!

We, the Militaru's would like to wish you and your family a blessed, prosperous, and wonderful new year in 2022! The Lord has done GREAT things through JMM this past year and we are so excited to see what He has in store this year! Over the last 2 years, we learned to put aside our travel plans and allow His plans to overrule ours. As we entered into this new year, the Lord put on our hearts to pray and spend quality time in His Word like never before. The times we're living in are very uncertain. So much is happening and changing around the world every day it seems. It's critical for us, the body of Christ, to have clear communication with the Lord so we can receive clear direction for all the decisions we have to face this year and in the future. With so much confusion and uncertainty around us, we need His guidance like never before. Many of you are facing decisions in your jobs and schools. The economy is unstable everywhere around the world. Some of our partners are making decisions about where to move to avoid certain mandates. Here in the US, many parents are deciding whether or not to take their children out of public school and homeschool instead. We are all facing tough decisions and THIS is the time when we need to surrender to the Holy Spirit for His direction. This is not the time to engage in fear and panic. This is the time to strengthen our spirit man in His Word so our Faith can take dominion over our mind, will and emotions.

According to Hebrews 11:1, our Faith is the evidence of things we haven't seen yet. In the Amplified translation it says that Faith is our confirmation or *title deed*. Let's look at this whole verse in the Amplified translation:

Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].

Are you allowing your Faith to take dominion over the decisions in your life? Or are you allowing fear to dictate the course of your life? When we take *Faith* out of the equation, we are replacing it with something else. What are we replacing it with? We are replacing it with doubt, panic, unbelief, worry, anxiety, etc- which all stem from FEAR. Many times when things don't go exactly as we plan, we tend to take matters into our hands and in return, our Faith is being replaced by fear and the need to control. This verse says that, for us believers, Faith is to be perceived as real fact and not something we need to understand with our natural senses. Our natural senses (seeing, hearing and feeling) can't comprehend Faith. This means Faith *cannot* be replaced with anything we see, hear or feel. Many of you or your loved ones are sick with COVID or other illnesses in the body. You may be believing for a loved one to be saved and delivered or for your marriage to be restored. Maybe you need a miracle in your finances, your job or business. We encourage you to continue standing firm in His promises for your life and not give into fear or take matters into your own hands.

You might be asking, how do I stand firm when everything seems to be going the opposite of what I'm believing for? All of us are genuinely busy with family, work, ministry or life in general. Please know, we aren't here to condemn you, friends! What we are telling you, we're telling ourselves as a family and we have to practice what we preach. In the same way we make time with our spouses, children, appointments, shopping, meal prep, eating, etc, we **need** to discipline ourselves and make time to spend with Jesus and in His Word. In the times we're living in, it's very critical for us to be fighters, not lukewarm Christians who go with the flow and are being tossed here and there with the waves. The only way to become strong and immovable in our Faith is by exercising our spiritual muscle- investing in our spirit man by spending time in Word and prayer. By doing this

when we are faced with hard decisions or when the doctor delivers bad news, we will easily differentiate between our emotions and our Faith which is being led by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:14 says, Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

Only through the Word and in prayer are we able to make our spirit man stronger and stronger which in turn will strengthen our Faith. Feeding our spirit man will determine our reaction or response factor when we face something difficult.

In the same way we're encouraging you through this newsletter, we encourage our partners, viewers and Facebook Live followers. We have an amazing testimony from a precious 92 year old woman who has been watching our programs for many years. When John was praying in one of the programs, he told those watching to put their hand where they had pain. He told them to repeat after him, commanding any pain and sickness in their body to leave in Jesus name. She renounced the pain in her shoulder and commanded it to leave in Jesus name! Since that day, she has had no more pain. She is clear minded and full of energy! She **continues** to stay in the promise of Psalm 92 verse 14 that says, *Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.* Why is it so important for her to *continue* staying in the Word daily? So she can remain immovable, rooted in the Word and keep her healing! We can't become lazy after we receive our healing or miracle by forgetting to stay in the promises of the Word. When God does answer our prayers, we honor Him by continuing to stay in His Word and in prayer, and this only comes through discipline!

We challenge you this year, like we're challenging ourselves, to get in the Word and in prayer like never before! First, take some time to reflect on last year. What did you invest more in last year? Was it entertaining your natural man (flesh) or feeding your spirit man? This is a crucial time when we, the body of Christ, need to take our spiritual walk very seriously. There's no time to waste on unnecessary warfare that can be prevented by being rooted in the Word. We're here for you! As the body of Christ, we know how important it is to be there for one another. Friend, you're not alone on this journey! Please remember that you can always reach out for prayer when things get tough. We're not meant to do this on our own. You can send in your prayer requests through Facebook, writing a letter or calling our prayer line.

These are words of Jesus, Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:19-20

As this letter comes to a close, may this be a beginning for you- a year filled with deeper intimacy with our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, through intentional time in His WORD and in prayer where the power of His resurrected life will bring guidance and healing to every area of YOUR life.

In His Service,

John & Alexandra