



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

We're so thankful for each one of you! We hold you near and dear to our hearts and we're grateful that you are laborers together **with** us for the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray for you and your family every day! We lay hands on every seed that comes into this Ministry because we know that for many of our partners, it is a sacrificial seed and we don't take it lightly (Luke 6:38). We are honored that you chose to stand with JMM and together we are depopulating hell and populating heaven one soul at a time! Your faithful prayers and support make it possible for this Ministry to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth through our YouTube channel, Facebook Lives, various television networks, both here and overseas, and our monthly newsletter. Our prayer line is flooded with desperate souls in need of hope, salvation and deliverance every single day. Because of you, we are able to answer those phone calls and offer THE life-giving hope, which is Jesus our Lord and Savior!

Lately, phone calls and emails have been pouring in from people who have lost complete hope and find themselves in despair. Many are confused, fearful and hopeless. Some have lost loved ones, others are estranged from loved ones and many are paralyzed with fear. You might be thinking that these calls are coming in from non-believers but sadly, most of them are from believers who are on the brink of despair and hopelessness. The author of Psalms 40 fell into the pit of despair too and this is what he says,

***He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. Psalm 40:2***

Despair means *the complete loss or absence of hope*. I think we can all agree that in the times we're living in today, it's easy to get into a pit of despair and discouragement which leads to pity. It's easy to lend our ears and our eyes to everything going on around us with all of the bad news we hear every day and start meditating on it. This leads to hopelessness and despair. We are truly living in the "End of the Age" as described by Jesus in Matthew 24,

***As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.***

From the moment we wake up in the morning, we have a choice to make. We can either yield our eyes and ears to the "reality" of what's going on around us or we can *choose* to yield to the Word of God and what IT says. It might sound juvenile, but in reality this is the biggest assignment for Christians today. The devil's master plan is to attack the mind because once he has your mind distracted, you lose complete hope and fall into despair. The enemy wants to win spiritual territory in your life. He is after your hope which ultimately leads him to your faith. That's why it is SO important to be careful what we allow our eyes to see and our ears to hear. What are we feeding ourselves with? We have to ask ourselves this every single day because the battle for our mind is fought for every single day (2 Timothy 1:7).

Like we mentioned earlier, some of the biggest lies the enemy wants to feed our minds with is hopelessness, despair and discouragement which makes us start doubting and worrying. What is ultimately happening is *fear* planting its seeds in us. Most of the time fear enters our minds indirectly! You might not even identify it as fear because you may not be a “fearful” person. Many Christians can’t identify fear in their lives until they wake up one day and realize they are paralyzed by the spirit of fear and they become afraid of life itself. Satan will not usually directly attack us with fear. He will begin to plant thoughts of worry and “concerns” for your family and loved ones, your job, your current situation, traveling from fear of Covid, the economy, your business failing, sickness and disease, old age and so many other things. Fear will begin to make you speak what you see, hear and are experiencing instead of speaking LIFE. Once you open this door, which is your mouth, fear comes flooding in through the cracks and it doesn’t ask permission to let itself in! Fear is rude and impolite! And our mouth is the door.

What can a Christian do to avoid this trap? Or what can a Christian do once they’ve fallen into this trap of fear and despair? Learning to *identify* fear and its entourage is the key to coming out of the trap. Once you have identified the spirit of Fear in your life, you immediately repent and run to the Word. Let’s look at the Psalm again,

***He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. Psalm 40:2***

We *cannot* wallow in pity and despair caused by fear. If we allow ourselves to wallow in it, it will lie to us and tell us that our situation is hopeless and there’s no way out of it. Fear will lie to us and tell us that we’re too far gone, there’s no more hope or that it will take way too long to get back “on track” with God. THIS IS A LIE. But just like our muscles, our faith has memory! Praise God for that! When we begin to feed our faith, it will spring back quickly and become stronger and stronger with each day that we are in **the Word and speaking the Word and in prayer**. The key is to pick up ourselves RIGHT AWAY. There is no time to waste in our walk with God. When we look at the above verse, the Psalmist says that once the Lord lifted him out of the mud and mire (despair), he was immediately set on solid ground (the Word) and he kept walking steadily. The Word of God is our steadfast anchor! And our prayer life is our life line that directly connects us with God. Which, in return, keeps us steady in the race that Apostle Paul talks about in Hebrews 12:1-2,

***Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.***

We encourage you to take some time this month and examine your thought life. What have you been feeding yourself with? If it means you have to turn off your television or social media for a while or distance yourself from negative family or friends, we encourage you to do so. We’re living in a critical time right now and we have no time to waste on fear, pity or despair. We have a job to do and a race to finish in victory! The enemy will try to keep you down and delay you for as long as he can so that you don’t fulfill your destiny, purpose and calling on this earth. It’s our responsibility to pick ourselves up and fight against the attacks of satan! And know, you’re not alone in this race! Together, we are the body of Christ and we’re here to help one another. If you’re facing despair and fear today, please reach out to us for prayer. You are one phone call away from an encouraging word and a prayer based on the Word of God.

Friends, let’s continue running our race so we can finish in VICTORY and defeat the enemy!

In His Service,  
John & Alexandra