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When All Hope Seems Lost

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Happy 4th of July!!! And what great joy to celebrate this year's Independence Day with such a huge victory with the overturning of Roe V Wade! Hallelujah! What a time for the body of Christ to rejoice! After nearly 50 years and over 63 million babies aborted, we will finally see JUSTICE for the unborn and VICTORY over LIFE. It is so encouraging as believers to see our steadfast prayers being answered and prophecy being fulfilled in our nation when it seemed IMPOSSIBLE. If someone had told us 10-20 years ago that Roe V Wade would be overturned in our lifetime, let's be honest, we would have doubted it. Especially in the last couple years, where some states allowed late term abortions which means the killing of babies even up to 40 weeks of pregnancy! That's a full grown baby! In some instances, even after the baby was born! How evil! Here at JMM, we are passionate about life and we will always advocate for the unborn because every single life is unique and precious to God. We will never stand by and remain silent on matters that involve killing people, especially those who have no voice.

Although it took almost 50 years, we celebrate this moment in history which encourages us to keep pressing into The Lord for whatever it is we are believing in Him for in our personal lives. We should never doubt God's promises. Abraham was 100 years old to see his promised child born. It took Noah roughly 75 years to build the ark (with no rain in sight!). Moses was 80 years old when he confronted Pharaoh and led the people of Israel out of captivity. Keep in mind Moses left Egypt at 40 years old and it took him another 40 years for God to prepare him. The waiting time is our preparation time. It is not the time to lose hope. The men and women of God mentioned in the "faith chapter" of Hebrews 11 did not give up hope when all hope seemed lost. They were mocked, ridiculed, scorned, persecuted, imprisoned and even killed because they were obedient to BELIEVE in what God promised them. They were ALL IN for God.

Is there something in your life that you have been praying and believing for and it seems like nothing is changing or happening? You're not alone. We receive countless phone calls every day from people who have been crying out for miracles for some time in their own lives. They're saying, "*Brother John or sister Alexandra, I've done everything in my power. I've been confessing scriptures, I've been praying and meditating on the Word. I've even sown my seeds faithfully but I feel like nothing is changing or things seem to be getting worse.*" The enemy wants you to keep your focus on the things that are not happening or moving. He wants to rob us of our hope and ultimately make us question our faith and doubt God. Many people are feeling stuck in their current situation because they haven't seen results. Remember, just because we haven't seen results in the natural realm, doesn't mean God isn't working behind the scenes towards what He promised you. And oftentimes we focus so much on the big picture, that we forget to give God the glory for the little victories and milestones we've seen along the way. Some of our prayers and petitions may take more time than we anticipated but that doesn't mean God isn't working behind the scenes and won't come through for us.

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that He has promised. Hebrews 10:36

Each one of us is believing God for something, whether big or small. Many people are believing for healing in their bodies. Some are believing for emotional healing. Or believing God for restoration in their families. Or for a spouse. Here at JMM, we receive phone calls from young people who are not willing to compromise their Christian walk and lower their standards for a spouse but are waiting patiently for the Lord to bring the right person in their lives. Business owners are praying for financial growth and expansion. And there are some who need new jobs. Others of us have been praying for a prodigal son or daughter for many years and nothing is happening or things seem to be getting worse. Some are called into full time ministry but don't know where to start. It's easy to lose hope. But once we allow one little thought of doubt to creep in, it's like a domino effect. It opens the door for a host of other things to walk in like unbelief, insecurity, discouragement, hopelessness, disappointment and so on. That's when we begin questioning God and asking, "Why is this taking forever, nothing is changing?" Some of us even get angry at God and question His promises. God WILL come through for you for the petition or promise you're holding onto without wavering. Your circumstance may not look like it's going in the right direction but we do not look at the things we see with our natural eyes.

"While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18

The things which are "seen" are always easier to believe. The believers' walk on this earth isn't an easy one. The Word of God never tells us that the road will be easy but it does promise us that God will never leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:8). He tells us that He will be with us, "even unto the end of the earth" (Matthew 28:20). If we're willing to press through and walk the narrow path, we will finish our race well and our reward in heaven will be great! On the other hand, if we're willing to compromise and live the way the world does, satan will offer us "his" very best. The problem is that "his" best is filled with deception, lies and ultimately eternal death. Satan offers us instant gratification. God offers us eternal life with Him. This reminds us of a testimony we want to share with you from John's recent overseas trip.

As many of you know, John was on a ministry trip in the month of June. He had the opportunity to meet with so many believers who are part of the "virtual church" on Facebook and YouTube. One particular Facebook follower found out that John would be in Europe and she made the decision that she wanted John to baptize her. John had the opportunity to meet with her and hear her story. Last November she was near death in the hospital. As a new believer, on that hospital bed, she made a commitment that if the Lord healed her, she would wholeheartedly serve the Lord for the rest of her life without compromise. The Lord miraculously healed her and she was determined to have John baptize her the next time he would come to Europe. Fast forward to June, the night before her baptism, she had a very disturbing dream. In the dream, a very attractive, sharply dressed man appeared to her and questioned her decision to get baptized. He showed her two paths. One was narrow with very few people on it dressed in white; the other was wide with many people on it (Matthew 7:13-14). He told her that if she continued on the wide path, she would have many opportunities ahead of her. He showed her many doors and told her he would open those doors for her if she took the wide path. He then began to question her. In the dream he asked her, "Do you think you made the right decision? Are you sure you want to start on this narrow path that you heard about from Mr. John? If you continue down this path, you'll lose out on a lot in this life." He was waiting for the slightest apprehension in her voice or for her to utter one word of hesitation in her decision. Instead, she began to shake herself off and said, "No! I am fully determined to go down the narrow path, I'm going all the way! I want to serve Jesus for the rest of my life!" She woke up from the dream more determined than she had ever been and was baptized the next day!

The enemy will always give us a sense of false hope and show us what we'll miss out on if we follow Jesus. He will plant thoughts of discouragement and hopelessness in our minds to make us question the decision and commitment we make with Jesus. Or tell us this walk is too hard. "Why keep going down this difficult path when it's so easy to go down the other one." Satan is after our calling. He would rather see us walk a lukewarm Christian life than be all in for Christ because he knows we would be a threat to his kingdom if we walked into the fullness of our calling. When the enemy makes it seem like all hope is lost, we need to fight back with the Word and in prayer to overcome those lies. As long as we have breath in our lungs, we are not without hope. That's why we encourage everyone that watches our programs or those who call for prayer to get into the Word daily because that's the only way faith comes and grows.

Romans 10:17 says, ***So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.***

We are so encouraged to hear about all the testimonies from John's trip. It was another very successful ministry trip. It's been humbling to see people in so many countries respond to the message of salvation that the Lord has given to us! We are very excited to share these victories with you! It's only possible because of your support, dear partner. Your generous giving and prayerful support is the reason this Gospel message goes out on the airways and in the homes and hearts of people all over the world. Thank you for standing with us and being a part of the harvest of souls through JMM.

Lastly, praise be to the Lord for the miracles that are starting to unfold in our nation!

Happy Independence Day, America the Beautiful!

In His Service,

John & Alexandra