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Total Dependency – July Letter 2024

Dear Friend,

When Jesus spoke from Heaven to the Apostle Paul and said, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9), it brought Paul to a conclusion. Paul concluded after multiple requests to God for help that it was no longer his own strength that could provide the encouragement necessary to win against the battle at hand. Paul realized that any further strength coming from himself would only be futile. There had to be only one conclusion; it could not be by the might nor the power of Paul himself, but it must come from the strength provided by the grace that comes only from the Spirit of God.

Paul was exasperated, emotionally and physically, having to contend with a demonic spirit assigned to stop him from preaching the gospel. Everywhere he turned, this spirit seemed to show up to buffet him with afflictions and persecutions. There seemed to be no escape! But the escape came from Christ in a way that Paul had not expected. The escape required another level of spiritual growth on Paul’s behalf. Paul had to mature in his spiritual man. This was not something that Jesus could do entirely for him, but it was rather a decision only Paul himself could make. Paul had to decide to switch his dependency from the strength of his own flesh to a TOTAL DEPENDENCY on Christ. Depending on his own intellect, reasonings, or any outside source of encouragement was no longer an option. Grace alone would have to fill Paul’s heart for the strength necessary to keep fighting, no matter the outside evidence against him.

When Paul became transformed by this revelation, his whole internal attitude changed. Once he was able to reconcile this truth inside himself, he wrote these words: “Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong” (2 Cor. 12:9,10).

This is the message of humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

True humility that results in victory comes from a place of switching one’s total dependency from self to God’s grace. Believing what God says about us or our situation despite how we feel or any evidence that is contrary is the act of humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

The following verses in first Peter give us the results of this kind of humility and dependency.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

1 Peter 5:11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

We have a promise from God that if we will humble ourselves and believe Him despite the circumstances, He will bring us to a perfected place that is established in strength and totally settled.

The prophet Zechariah spoke these prophetic words to Zerubbabel.

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah spoke these prophetic words from God to encourage Zerubbabel not to quit. He had been commissioned by God to rebuild the destroyed temple back at Jerusalem. When the work stopped for 16 years and the people became discouraged and distracted from their assignment, Zerubbabel must've felt like Paul when he cried out in total exasperation.

“NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT” interprets out in the New Testament to mean, “My Grace is sufficient for you!” To Zerubbabel, it meant, “You’re not the one doing this. This strength and empowerment is coming from someplace and someone else besides yourself.”

To Jesus, who walked in this place of TOTAL DEPENDENCY ON THE FATHER, it meant:

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Jesus Himself knew that it was not by might, nor by power of Himself, but by the Spirit of His Father. All miracles, all judgment, all strength of perseverance was not of Himself, but from the Holy Spirit dwelling within Him.

In the same way, today, when we say that “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” what we’re saying is that we can do nothing of ourselves; it is the Spirit of the Father standing in us, in the person of Jesus Christ. This is where we find the strength never to quit, never to back down from the flesh, the world, or Satan’s forces. We will not be discouraged by any present-tense report from our bodies, emotions, or any outside force. The shout from the enemy that Revival will never take place is drowned out by our total dependency on this one

word alone: “NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.”

In the years gone by, there have been certain prophetic words that have come to us here in Immokalee that are applicable to the entire Body of Christ. I believe these words speak specifically to this message concerning the victory that comes through TOTAL DEPENDENCY. I pray they bless you.

You Cannot Change Yourself Prophecy100523a – May 23, 2010

Know this, that when a standard of excellence is revealed by My Word and saturated to the ears of the hearer, and an awareness [comes] of a desire by the Spirit to bring you higher, and when things of Spirit are taught and understood, understand this, that even as I place that standard within you, that you must always rely, always rely, always rely [on] with everything in you, that I am the One. And I am the One, only, who changes you from glory to glory, says the Spirit of Grace.

For the enemy and the flesh will take a message like this way and even use it against you and your senses to present yourself by yourself and in your strength, unknowingly, in your best efforts. But know this, that it is not by might nor is it by power, but it is by My strength, says the Spirit of Grace.

You cannot change you by looking at you, not for a moment, not even a glimpse to look back and to see if that part has changed. **Know this, that human effort cannot change you, nor do I take delight in it, but know this:** I take delight in the one who gives themselves over to Me, **KNOWING THAT THEIR TOTAL DEPENDENCY** is not upon them attaining to a standard, but upon Me working My grace in them towards that standard of truth, says the Spirit of Grace.

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Humble Yourself That He May Exalt You Prophecy231112 – November 12, 2023

For many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all of his bones. Not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, but the righteous the Lord redeemeth. For whosoever will humble himself, know this, they will be exalted. For I am calling you as a body, those who are going into the walk of the spirit, **I am calling you and reminding you of a continual place of humbling yourself under the mighty**

hand of God that I may exalt you in due time out of all of your troubles. That you may stand as a generation to receive this outpouring of My Spirit, says the Spirit of Grace.

For it does not matter what the enemy comes with to your life presently. And many of you are fighting battles on many different fronts. But know this, I am able and willing and will exalt you out of it that you may stand far above the battle at hand, says the Spirit of the Lord. And My desire is to exalt you, that you are My ambassadors in the earth to bring forth the glory that comes by My Spirit, reaching into every man's world and showing forth this anointing, says the Spirit of Grace.

Humble yourself. Do not rely upon the intellect. Do not rely upon your genius or your smart. But stand in Me and continue to lift up holy hands and know that I am exalting all of you who will humble yourself. And My exaltation is to fill you with My peace, fill you with My authority, cause you to raise up head and shoulders above every and any attack that the enemy could bring.

For I see your destiny. I prophesy to you out of the future into the present. For I see all of those standing in this house [church] and those who are watching. But if you will give yourself and continue to cry out, **“LORD, I KNOW NOTHING OF MYSELF. I CAN DO NOTHING OF MYSELF. MY TOTAL DEPENDENCY AND ALL JUDGEMENT TO JUDGE ALL THINGS IS UPON YOU, LORD,”** then know this of surety, that I will surround you and I will lead you forth. And you will look back. You will look back and say, “He brought me through” **only to know this**, that the war in front of all of us, as the Kingdom of God is to come, will each time be won as it was before in a place of surrender and humbling yourself under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you.

So, rejoice in this hour, knowing that your future has already been determined through My grace. You will overcome, and you will be highly exalted, says the Spirit of Grace.

Candy and I appreciate your love, prayers, and support to this ministry. It's through God's grace that we will receive this outpouring together.

I WILL SEE YOU IN THE REVIVAL!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc