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These Are Great Days.

Dear Friend,

The joy that is in me compels me to say to you that these are great days. Really the best days ever concerning the kingdom of God. Let me qualify this before I go on much further.

Sure there may be more political and military upheavals than ever before. Sure to those on the outside it may appear there is more scandal in the church and maybe there are more questions than ever before about what condition the world will be in the next ten years. But I thank God there is also a group of people in the midst of the church that have a foundation under them that will not be moved or persuaded by any of these things.

This group is moving forward with an absolute resolve concerning all the promises they have received on their foundation from God. This group has a resolve that Jesus (*the Lord of the church,*) wants to send a last day revival every place He can find this kind of authority at work.

One of the greatest aspects of this resolve that we term authority is that it carries its own weight of encouragement. Those with this resolve do not wait for someone else to jump start them into moving forward and anyone who chooses to move into this resolve immediately feels its effects. It is as if you are headed towards an appointment with something really good, something very special in destiny. This is a place of extreme purpose belonging to everyone who has any part in the establishment of it. Whether it is the teacher that brings the doctrine of God's word or the person sitting in the pew bringing in the lost, sick and wounded to be healed by God. I believe that the sense of purpose and resolve that we are feeling now is only a prelude to an even more absolute condition of peace and resolve we will have in the conclusion of all these things. This conclusion being the final resting place called "*Revival.*"

The Lord got this picture across to me even more clearly just the other day. I recently set aside some quality time to spend with the Lord in prayer and fasting. The main purpose of this was the same as it has been in recent years and that is to further the image of Christ in me and to bring about His purpose in the earth, which to me interprets out to be a book of Acts kind of revival. All who are on this type of quest seem to understand that what Christ wants to accomplish in the earth must first be accomplished in us. The bottom line being this; there must first be a change in us in order for Him to change the world though us.

This change we understand is something that happens on the inside of us. We often call this the dying process which entails the shedding away of more appetites of the flesh and an increased appetite for the love of God to be perfected in us. Thank God we are finding out more and more this fight is won, "***not by might, nor by power (self will,) but by My spirit saith the Lord.***" (*Zek 4:6*)

In **II Corinthians 3:18**, He has even further revealed His grace for us saying, we “***are being changed from glory to glory by that spirit.***” (*The nature of God that He has placed within us.*)

If we were to view this journey into God as a climb up a mountain the final conquest would be the top or the revival that Christ has asked us to receive. Each level up the mountain is a fight for that individual level or conquest of change. Now then my heart’s question to God was this, if each level is a battle of sorts to reach the top, how hard will it be to maintain or hold the ground at the top? In other words, Lord, how hard is it going to be to continue to always rule over the flesh nature during the decades of revival? I knew the answer He gave me was meant for everyone. God was so good to Me in His answer and His response so warm and loving. He said, “Son when you get to where I am bringing you it will feel to you as if you had nothing to do with bringing yourself there, nor will it feel to you as if you have anything to do with maintaining this place.” I knew what He was saying. I could see that settled place in Christ, a place where His grace and strength of character was so strong in us that it would feel as if it took no human effort to maintain.

Through the faith of God I could see this place of security much more clearly. This stable place was one this group of people, *those journeying into God* was steadily moving towards. Miracles could happen on a perpetual basis there because it wasn’t coming from any source of human strength.

It’s no wonder Friend this place has been so heavily guarded by satan for so many centuries. One of the ways satan protects this place is by what we call smoke screens, basically deception. Our enemy tries to convince us that the victories we are fighting for will not equal the magnitude of the battle at hand. His attempt is to shroud how permanent and everlasting these victories are in Christ.

I like the way David said it in ***Psalm 31:8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.*** He is saying in essence, “You Lord have put my feet in a wide place.” God’s victories are a wide place of permanent footing, meaning there is plenty of room for us to move around in. This place of permanence is not vulnerable nor is it plastic. It is solid and concrete. This place carries its own strength with it.

Isaiah 26:3 says, “***Thou wilt keep [him] in perfect peace, [whose] mind [is] stayed [on thee]: because he trusteth in thee.***” The KJV says perfect peace, but the Hebrew actually says shalom shalom, thou will keep him in peace, peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee. What is peace peace? It is peace that is backed up by more peace. This is a peace that once you receive it, will feel as if it will never go away. The assurance of the peace that we walk in is only reinforced by more peace and that of an even greater magnitude. The standard that backs up what comes from God is only more of the same. In other words it is endless, just like God’s victories for us.

Perhaps this is Ezekiel’s wheel within a wheel, something so perpetual in nature that it actually fuels itself with strength. This is becoming the abiding place of this group that is moving forward. This group has a sober kind of resolve. This place of permanence we are moving into most certainly comes with great joy but is never fueled by emotions or any hyping up of the flesh.

Let us examine for a moment the kind of strength I am talking about. Recently the Lord had me share a message from ***I Samuel 30: 1-6***. The story here is of David and his army of six hundred men. They are away from their homes and families while following David. During this time their enemies the (Amalekites) came and stole all their belongings and worse their families. The

situation must have seemed hopeless in the eyes of these men. The Bible says they wept, until they had no more power to weep. (*v.30:4*) As a result of this the Bible records that the people spoke of stoning David. Now the only people left in the camp were the very same men who were following David as their leader and these same men were now talking about killing him. Talk about a shift in the emotions. From one day following someone, to wanting to kill them the next. Just think about the range of emotions David must have felt dealing with the loss of his wives, the sense of failure as a leader, fear of being killed by his own men and resentment from so quickly being turned against.

Something incredible happens in (*verse 6*) - ***but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.*** The interesting thing to note here is that it does not say that God came and encouraged David. It says that David encouraged himself. I am sure that God was right there with David but sometimes the emotions can be so powerful around us that it is hard to hear His voice.

David did not wait for the atmosphere to change, nor did he wait for a specific word from a prophet or a preacher. What then can we learn from David's example? Simply that David took all of his previously acquired knowledge and experience and used it to assure himself of the goodness of the Lord. He recalled every scripture and psalm that had ever come from his heart, every victory in battle whether with the lion and bear or with the Philistine giant and he rehearsed them to himself. David used this as character to do what he needed to do and move on. As a result of this decision by David, God came with a specific word and everything was recovered from the enemy both families and belongings. In short, Friend our being faithful in the walk we have already received of the Lord will cause us to be victorious in every area of life. Doing what we know to do will always bring results. Just as Paul instructed in ***Phil 4:9 - Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.***

The group of people moving forward in these last days understands this about God. They have concluded that God believes that what He has given to us in times past, as in word, doctrine and experiences are anointed enough to establish victory in our lives if we ***“just do it.”***

In ***Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*** the apostle was trying to convince the Jewish church that what they had already received in their doctrinal foundation was more than enough to sustain them if they would practice the principles they had been given. He was saying that he should not have to again teach all these principles nor should he have to encourage them to do what they had already been instructed to do.

There have been times in my own life where I have felt the pressure of exasperation while waiting for God to do something about certain circumstances in my life. Almost out of desperation I would begin to walk the floor and while worshipping would confess God's word over the situation. I think I felt a little like this, “God, if you are not going to help me here I guess I will have to move this mountain on my own.” Yeah right! Surprisingly enough God would show up and remove the entire hopeless atmosphere. So what was the lesson learned? God believes that His word acted upon is more than enough even without Him coming and encouraging us to do what we already know to do.

We can expect the Holy Spirit to continue to encourage us to follow certain principles of Christ like meditation of the word, private worship and praying in tongues but I do not believe that He (*the Holy Ghost*) feels as if He has to come and convince us again and again concerning the benefits of any of these previously taught truths.

Friend this is the group that we belong to. The one who's foundation has set our course. We will take the principles the Holy Spirit has already given us and go on into perfection and receive the outpouring of revival. He believes that He does not have to come back in 2007 and try to persuade us again of the benefits of praying in tongues and private worship if we have already been established in them. He believes that He does not have to encourage us as in re-indoctrination but rather gently remind us to do what we have already been taught to do.

This is my encouragement. I see a people steady and strong, resolved and ready. Resolved in what they know to do and ready to carry it out. Ready to receive more doctrine on the foundation that has already been laid for revival and you Friend, are of those who can take joy in giving Him more of what He wants in this year.

In closing, I recently had one of those close encounters with the Lord. The kind of encounter where His presence was so strong that "*intimacy*" comes closest in describing how it felt. I asked Him through tears of fellowship, what is it Lord that you want most from me right now in my life? What would please you the most in the process of being used by you in the revival? This was one of those moments where you are so saturated in presence that you feel you are postured to give Him whatever He asks of you. I might have been thinking of something like a long extended fast or something along this line, then almost as quickly as I asked, the answer came rolling back to me. His answer was a single resounding word. This word was not only spoken but I could see it in bold capital letters like the biggest caption off a movie screen. The Lord's word in answer to my question was simply this "**T--I--M--E.**" I knew in that moment what He was saying to me. All I want is as much of your time as you will give Me, doing the things I have already instructed you in like private worship and praying in tongues.

These have been such a consolation to me. As I spend the hours in His presence I realize that I do not have to make anything happen. All I have to do is give Him *time*. The rest is up to Him. ***Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [it] until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6)***

Therefore, let me encourage you to spend as much time as possible time with Him in the days and weeks ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bronc

P.S. - The word says that we are to exhort one another daily while it is called today and that if two shall agree as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of our Father which is in heaven. If you have a prayer request or a praise report to share please let us hear from you. You can contact us through the web site at www.broncflint.org or email us at fpc@broncflint.org and/or feel free to write us at:

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