

EXPERIENCING the POWER of “ONE ACCORD”

“...they lifted up their voice to God with one accord...And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:24, 31-33 (KJV)



This Week’s Thought – July 31, 2016

“When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.” Matthew 4:12 (NIV)

The truth is, there are going to be days when you experience mistreatment that come from disloyal and jealous people. Sometimes good people experience bad consequences so the glory of God can be made known through their lives. John boldly took a public stand for his faith and was punished for his courageous obedience to God. Do you feel like you have been wronged for doing right? Has your faith been put on trial, and were you condemned for speaking the truth?

Your circumstance of ill treatment may not result in a physical rescue from Christ. It is in your trapped condition that He wants your intimacy with Him to grow deeper and sweeter. Your boss, supervisor or authorities at work may have broken a promise or used an unscrupulous process to obtain desired results. You feel used and abused by your job, maybe by a family member, friend or loved one. So how will you respond? Will you return evil for evil, or will you extend grace in the face of extreme frustration?

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil.... ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’” (Romans 12:17, 20). A radical response of love is a remedy for being isolated by an unjust person.

What are you learning as a result of feeling rejected, abused, misused or misunderstood? Has your determination grown in its resolve, and do you have more focused attention on your mission? Loss of freedom and/or resources realigns us to the essentials of an effective strategy and efficient execution.

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Use this time of limited options to build sustainable systems and productive processes. Cling to your core values as your compass for behavior. Your optimism is an insurgent against others’ insecurities. Lastly, let the Lord be your source of strength. Faith forged on the anvil of adversity becomes solid steel in mental toughness, emotional stability, and spiritual maturity.

When people see Jesus in your humble, non-defensive attitude, they hear His voice of truth. Learn your lessons from the Lord during stressful situations, and leave it with Him to educate others in what needs to be done. Perseverance pays with respect and results.

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “I am your Strength and Shield. Instead of assessing your energy level and wondering about what’s on the road ahead, concentrate on staying in touch with Me. My Power flows freely into you through our open communication. Refuse to waste energy worrying and you will have strength to spare. Whenever you start to feel afraid, remember that I am your Shield. My Presence watches over you continually, protecting you from both known and unknown dangers.”
(Psalm 28:7; Mathew 6:34; Psalm 56:3-4; Genesis 28:15)

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King