

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 – March 6, 2016

“The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.” Revelation 3:12 (NIV)

Uncertainty is a certainty of life. Economic uncertainty. Political uncertainty. Financial uncertainty. Relational uncertainty. Physical uncertainty. Those who focus on life’s uncertainties are certain to be preoccupied, even disillusioned by fear and anxiety. Being consumed by uncertainty is like traveling on extremely winding roads while sitting in the back seat of a car, you begin to feel the nausea of emotional motion sickness. Has uncertainty caused fear to overcome your faith?

The Lord describes an eternal environment of stability and security. A place with no fear of what a person might or might not do, because all of the citizens of God’s city are redeemed by the Lamb—Jesus. The city of God is governed by King Jesus—who keeps all His promises. His promises of no more sin, sorrow or suffering are secure. His guarantee of our resurrection and reigning with Him, stabilizes our soul. We are rock solid pillars of faith who worship the Lord in His temple. Emotional stability and spiritual security accompany those who travel with Jesus.

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding].” John 16:33 (AMP)

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Perhaps a relationship has your stomach in knots. Uncertainty, foolish choices and selfish motivation have overcome what started out as a safe and secure union. Conflict and confusion are the outcomes of hard conversations. If so, seek your heavenly Father for humility to grow a heart of grace and for wisdom to know what to do. Be honest with a true friend or mentor who can coach you through this emotional “pain cycle” into a “peace cycle”. Grasping learned skills like effective confession and repentance creates ongoing forgiveness and healing.

Look to the Lord’s assurance of what He has for you now and throughout eternity. Life on earth offers little, if any hope or help—that is without a foundation of trust in our Heavenly Father. Move out of the back seat of unbelief (marked by emotional motion sickness) and sit up front in the passenger seat of trust with Christ as your chauffeur. Though sometimes dim and misty, the eyes of faith see your final destination and it’s good—because God is good! Submit daily to the Holy Spirit’s cleansing and filling. He infuses a soul’s stability and security. There’s Victory in Jesus!

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “I am leading you step by step, through your life. Hold My hand in trusting dependence, letting Me guide you through this day. Whenever you find yourself worrying about the future, look to Me. I will show you the next step forward, and the one after that, and the one after that. Relax and enjoy the journey in My Presence, trusting Me to open up the way before you as you go.” (Deuteronomy 29:29; Luke 12:25-26; Psalm 32:8)

“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