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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

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Letters of Faith

**“Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous!
Do not tremble or be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”**
Joshua 1:9 NASB

Dearly Beloved,

Gretel blessed me with this Word a year ago when we first had to be separated to get her the help she needed to walk through a broken spur on her spine and increasing debilitation from Alzheimer's. She had a ring made for me, which I never take off, with the words “Strong and Courageous” engraved around the outside and Joshua 1:9 on the inside. It was one of those special God-things that gave both of us strength, comfort, and determination to persevere through whatever unknown things were coming our way.

This single act of God's love pouring out on both of us, especially coming through the one that had the mental challenges, was vivid proof to us that we are definitely a three-part being—spirit, soul, and body. Gretel's mind (soul) is being attacked by a very demonic disease but her spirit isn't, and the Holy Spirit Who does not have Alzheimer's communicates clearly with Gretel's spirit, even though her brain (body) is malfunctioning so that she has great difficulty expressing it in words.

Fortunately we can report that Gretel is being gracious and sweet most of the time and is responding in love to Alexis' arrangements for her care and to the gentle ladies she has scheduled to be with her. We are also grateful to report that the Lord has brought home-buying clients to Lexie and Mark's FindingHomesforYou.com real estate business even in these very convoluted business times. We are in the process of planning my move into a Condo in Chesterfield where I will be closer to Gretel and to Mark and Alexis. If you have a few spare minutes on your prayer calendar, we would appreciate your praying a dose of Holy Spirit creativity, patience, and peace on us all. I (Paul) especially need a huge portion of grace for preparing to leave this awesomely beautiful and spiritually blessed land that has been our sanctuary and home for 46 years.

We are convinced that the above verse, Joshua 1:9, is an important Word to keep in all of our hearts right now as we face the unknown future of the world on November 6th and the very important days that follow. We suggest you fix your heart and mind on Scriptures that proclaim God knows the beginning from the end, and that He is always good—no matter what happens in the election!!

Please note that this Word is not a suggestion. It is a command! And equally as important, it is a promise! God is promising us that when we stand strong and courageous in obedience to

His commands, we will be enveloped in His continuous Holy Presence no matter what happens to us, to our country, or to the world around us. Therefore, there is no room for fear in our walk with Jesus, because there is no fear in love—and God is love!

We are all learning what God thinks is important and what man thinks is of value. In case you hadn't noticed lately, they are poles apart (pun intended!).

We must keep His Word as our guide and source, as well as our sword, especially right now. Words like: **“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority...”** (Col. 2:8-10) Although we do refer to that Word quite often, it appropriately describes the main efforts of the Devil to pull us away from keeping our eyes (and minds and spirits) focused on Almighty God, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit of His power.

It seems to us that the last phrase of this Scripture has become a particularly powerful truth in countering today's constant attempts to convert the world's cultures to serving demonic counterfeit gods like Allah.

One of the first Scriptures that the Holy Spirit actually lifted off the pages of our Bibles as if to say *Do you see this?!* is 2 Cor. 11:3: **“...I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”** We were originally shocked to read that something frightened the fearless Apostle Paul. We had just finished reading how he was stoned to death in Lystra and dragged out of the city and left him for dead, and then got up and walked back into the city (ref. Acts 14:19-20). So pain and death didn't frighten Paul, but concern that the saints might take their focus off of pure and simple devotion to Jesus really did.

We think that we all must refocus on our drawing closer and becoming more like the heart of our God, now that the heated battle over the future political course of our nation is past. We think that the chapter *Unshakeable Assurance* in our first book, is very pertinent to us all today (ref. *Dearly Beloved - Letters of Faith and Encouragement to Overcoming Saints*; Sovereign World Ltd. 1996). The lead Scripture was 2 Timothy 2:19: **“Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands...”**

When the Holy Spirit first ignited these words in our spirits, we meditated first on the word **“Nevertheless,”** then on the words **“firm foundation of God,”** and then finally and triumphantly, on the word **“stands.”** We knew then, and we believe it even stronger now, that there is a special divine truthfulness to this verse. No matter what seems to be going awry, or even what is going our way, we have our Lord's unshakable assurance that hope, peace, righteous, and justice will not depart from us because of God's divine *nevertheless*: **“the firm foundation of God Stands.”** The foundations of God's throne are **“righteousness and justice”** (see Psalm 89:14). Therefore sin, scandal, slander, or sloth, will never shake the throne of the one, true, and Almighty God!

Knowing this, we can stand strong, be courageous, and persevere in any circumstance with our feet firmly planted on the unshakeable rock of Jesus. Corporately as a nation we have just gone through a hectic period of severe shaking of the very spiritual, moral, political, and societal foundations of our country. The shaking will continue regardless of the outcome of

this election because God is not through with shaking us for His Godly purposes—to bring us back to His foundations in Him for our nation, for our corporate society, and for our personal lives. He is going to have a transformed people, so we must humble ourselves so as to be open to His works in us, stay vigilant, seek and speak the truth, and make sure we are righteous in all our words and deeds as we move into the very challenging future.

“And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.’ This expression, ‘Yet once more,’ denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. Let love of the brethren continue.” (Heb. 12:26-13:1)

Let us pray together: *Lord Jesus, You are our rock, the very foundation of our lives. We confess that there are times when we wobble in our confidence that Your Truth can stand the onslaughts of the world’s wickedness and the enemy’s lies. Then we tend to jump into the fray so vigorously that we lose sight of Your Grace and Love in all that You do. Forgive us, Lord, when we are shaky and weak or too aggressive in the world’s ways. Renew our confidence in Your steadfastness, Lord Jesus, and our sure knowledge that... regardless, no matter what, and NEVERTHELESS... “the firm foundation of God stands!”*

We pray that you will all have a glorious and faith-filled Thanksgiving Day celebration!

Huge God-confident Hugs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul & Gretel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.