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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,

I don't want to become too repetitive, but please note again that the above Word is not just a suggestion. It is a command! And equally important, it is a most blessed promise—a promise of His continuous presence. When we stand strong and courageous as He commands, we will be enveloped in His Holy Presence no matter what happens to us, or to our country, or to the world around us. I can currently testify that this is Truth! This is the ultimate fulfillment of Jesus' promise: **“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”** (John 14:21)

Micah 6:8 asks: **“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”** We are learning what God thinks is important and what man thinks is of value. In case you hadn't noticed lately, they are poles/elections apart (yes, pun intended!).

Bill Johnson, pastor of Bethel Church in Redding, California, recently stated: “On November 6th, the US voters said yes to the immoral slaughter of the unborn, and the immoral redefinition of the family. They revealed an addiction to big government fixing their problems, and a jealousy over those who succeed. They chose a position of dishonor towards Israel. These choices carry consequences. I pray for mercy. Can God heal our nation? Yes. Does He need godliness in the White House to accomplish it? No. Is it time for us to pray? More than ever.”

In addition to saying “Amen” to Bill's statement, I want to add to his list of what the results of this election stated to the world: the winning party has no desire for God to be named as being involved in its administration; there are hundreds of thousands of American Christians who apparently don't care enough about these important issues to even bother to vote; and that debates about finances are far more important in this country than discussions of morality, character, and a virtuous life.

Although I am disappointed in the president's re-election, I am deeply grieved that Todd Akin was not elected senator of Missouri. His words in defeat exemplify his faith and his character: *“...things don't always turn out the way you think they're going to. ...I also think*

that in the circumstances that we've all been through, that it's particularly appropriate to thank God, Who makes no mistakes, and Who is much wiser than we are. ... We believe that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness come from almighty God, not an almighty government... We also believe that the source of America's great strength is our faith in a loving God Who allows courageous people the freedom to pursue the unique dreams that each of them have, and we believe that the constitution is not a list of suggestions. ... We believe that the world is safer when America is strong..." And "...I believe in my heart of hearts that as long as we have the courage to stand for what's right and what's good, even when it's very difficult to do, this republic will continue to bring hope to the world and truly be that shining city on the hill. God bless you, and God bless America!" (emphasis added)

Winning words of faith, from a man of faith, in the face of defeat. How deeply disappointing it is to face the fact that the people of my own midwest-Christian-values state prefer political correctness to this demonstrable high quality of spiritual soundness and Christian character.

Some of the first Scriptures we learned as a family when we came into the Kingdom of God and jumped into a memory verse program were: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."** (Proverbs 3:5-6) I think this is another very appropriate Word to keep in our hearts right now as we all face the worrisome future of our country and the world as a result of this election's outcome.

Beloved, our assignment from God has not changed with the shifting tides of morality and government in this country and around the world. We are above all else still called to represent Jesus to a lost and decaying world. And remember: God is love—and there is no fear in love—because **"...perfect love casts out fear!"** (1 John 4:18)

This a wonderful time of year to be in the annealing process of God's love. We have just enjoyed the nationwide celebration of Thanksgiving for all the many and miraculous blessings that God has flowed down upon this country from the earliest days of its wobbly birth. The very existence of the USA is a miracle unequalled in history until the almost unbelievable rebirth of the nation of Israel (which incidentally, was made possible by the USA). And now we approach the worldwide corporate celebration of the birth as a human being of the very Son of God, Jesus!

In His awesome way, God has orchestrated the timing of the faith-stretching results of an election tantamount to revealing a national rejection of the object of our faith, with the only two days of each year, Thanksgiving and Christmas, when families all across the country gather together to recognize His grace and favor (even if so many haven't the foggiest understanding of what these great feast days really mean spiritually). In the midst of social and political despair and increasing turmoil, we corporately pause to look at the one true Almighty God of creation, and realize afresh that we are all just beginning to learn that He really wants us to be totally dependant on and dedicated to Him, to His Son Jesus, and to the power of His Holy Spirit.

Yes, Beloved, after teaching about it for over 30 years, we are now just beginning to understand what total dependency on God really means.

So let us all follow the injunction the Apostle Paul proclaimed in Col. 2:8-10: **"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 dwell in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority...”

Let us all bow ourselves humbly before the Lord of Hosts with grateful hearts for His gift of Life in His Son, Jesus, not allowing the crass commercialism surrounding us to distract us from our nearly unique privilege of freely and openly worshiping Him and proclaiming the birth of His most precious gift.

Let us celebrate with increased fervor the birth of the Christ Child in the face of the world's increasing rejection of Him and determination to remove Him as the object of their celebration.

Let us all thank God in our Christian celebrations of Jesus and proclaim together: We trust You, Father! We do not, nor will we ever, lean on our own understandings! We celebrate the coming of the Christ, our Savior, Jesus, with all of our hearts and minds and spirits! We yield to Your plan and seek to fit into it as You desire and provide. We know that You are good all the time; that Your plan is good; and that You will have Your way with us and with Your world! Amen.

Special Christmas Blessings and Hugs,



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