



# RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

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## Letters of Faith

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Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the  
mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.**

Psalm 46:1-3 NASB

Dearly Beloved,

What change could be more frightening to mankind than the earth itself changing under our feet? Certainly those of us who have actually experienced an earthquake would be hard-pressed to come up with something more troubling to our whole being. But this Word from God to us says clearly **“we will not fear”** even *in extremis* — if **“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”** It is incumbent upon us to make God our refuge!

We seem to be being tested on our belief and practice of this promise to us in God’s Word by every new cycle of the news. I don’t have to elaborate beyond mentioning: changed legal definitions of marriage, exposure to civil lawsuits for practicing Christian moral standards by refusing to provide goods and services for functions we consider ungodly, or candidates for high public office in our governance repeatedly failing to speak the truth without a blink of an eye.

The very word “change” attempts to put fear and trepidation in our hearts and minds these days because so much of the change that is taking place in our society is patently ungodly. But as believers, we must not let our minds be led astray from our simple and pure devotion to Christ Jesus our Lord and all that His Lordship represents in our lives. (Ref. 2 Cor. 11:3)

The most shattering change in our lives was when our 11 year old son, Christopher, died in his sleep on a night we were flooded in at our farm. You’ve all heard our story, but please remember the divine results in our lives that resulted from this walk through the valley of the shadow of death. For the first time in our lives, both Gretel and I heard the audible voice of God during that trauma. That *experience* of God activated us to find out Who He really is, and our lives were totally *changed* from that moment forward as we were torn free from a nominal religious upbringing and tossed into the deep end of God’s Holy Spirit training pool without any water wings.

Certainly that life-changing salvation experience prepared us for some of the additional difficult changes in our lives yet to come, such as losing the Spirit of St. Louis Airport project into which we had invested our financial inheritances and 15 years of total, single-minded dedication to its fruition.

Beloved, our testimony is that change is not to be feared! It is to be carefully attended to, and to be cautious of, and to be proceeded into especially prayerfully, yes, but never to be feared, because we can believe and walk in peace wrapped in God’s word that **“...we will not**

**fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.”**

Change is particularly on my mind these days because exactly two years ago my life was shaken and completely sent topsy-turvy by major changes: I moved Gretel into an Alzheimer’s facility, I moved myself into an apartment in Chesterfield just a few minutes away from where Alexis lives, and I was blessed to close the sale of our beloved sanctuary, Eagles Nest Farm, where we had lived and based our teaching and prayer ministry for over 32 years, and where we had experienced so many miraculous moves of God personally, during gatherings of His saints, and during private and group transformational ministry sessions.

We experienced major changes in every phase of our lives and ministry to the Kingdom that were stunning to each of us who, up to that point, had enjoyed an awesomely stable life together. We had lived in only three homes during the entire first 60-plus years of married life after our first “rented hovel” on our honeymoon-turned-residency in Niagara Falls, New York, including our two years of active duty in the United States Air Force in Lexington, Massachusetts, before settling in the St. Louis, Missouri area in a fabulous job at the then dynamic, young McDonnell Aircraft Corporation.

Our Lord had prepared both of us for these changes so that we would experience them with His grace and His peace. Several weeks prior to all these events converging in our lives, the Lord Jesus visited Gretel one morning just as she was awakening. He sat on her bed and said to her, *“I want you to move closer to Alexis now. I will make the way smooth, and you will be blessed.”*

Then the Lord brought a “cash customer” to fall in love with the farm and proceed, although rather unpleasantly for us at times, to finalize a successful purchase contract for the property and all of its facilities, maintenance equipment, and miscellaneous accoutrements that had made it such an anointed and pleasant retreat experience for so many saints over the years.

At the same time, He led Alexis to lease a most pleasant apartment for me from a precious Christian lady who appreciated the increase to her cash flow and who, with her jack-of-all-trades husband, have been the sweetest “landlords” God could have created.

A precious Scripture comes to mind: **“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”** (James 1:12) Of course this three-part change was a trial of our faith, but we didn’t really realize that until well after we had persevered through it, and by that time it was totally evident that it was all a wonderful realigning of all of us into God’s perfect will for these latter years of our lives.

We all run headlong into change in our lives. Change is a basic ingredient of life itself. It surely is a prime experience in our Christian walk, or at least it should be, because God’s plan for each of us is to change us into the likeness of His Son. God created man in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27), but since our sinful, rebellious behavior in The Garden, God has to change us “images of God” back into His Likeness!

Unredeemed mankind’s response to unexpected and undesirable change is usually fear, anger, despondence, rejection, resistance, and blame-shifting.

The redeemed and Holy Spirit-filled saint’s response to change *should be* eager, joyful, peaceable, patient, faithful, and gentle, with self-control over all of the temptations the enemy puts in our minds to resist the change, especially if in our infinite wisdom of the world we “discern” that the change is wrong, bad, or at the very least disruptive to our well-organized and proper Christian life which was bringing Glory to God and profit to His Kingdom.

But we all know that this is not always the way we respond to change, especially when the change is aligned against our core Christian beliefs, principles, and values. So what should believers do about change, especially when being “eager, joyful, peaceable, patient, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled over all of the temptations the enemy puts in our minds to resist the change” doesn’t come easy?

We can exploit our unique ability to become change-changers through prayer!

Seventy-five years ago, humanity faced the world-changing probability of Germany totally conquering Great Britain. But led by their courageous King, England prayed and fasted and hundreds of righteous Brits became change-changers. From May 26 through June 4, 1940, a flotilla of “little ships” made up of fishing boats, yachts, sail boats, and life boats took the God-calmed 30 miles of Channel crossing to Dunkirk to aid the British Navy in rescuing 338,000 British and Allied soldiers from the clutches of Hitler’s armies.

Confronted by life-changing and God-challenging changes formed by anti-Christ world leaders as we are today, we can and must attend to and put our faith in Scriptures of support from our God like: **“...For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.’”** (Jer. 29:11-13)

The worldly can fear change, but the faithful in Christ *must not* fear change because we have divine orders not to, and we have awesome promises of sovereign involvement in our lives and the lives of God’s people when we don’t: **“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’ Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored; those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish. You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, those who war with you will be as nothing and non-existent. For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’”** (Isaiah 41:10-13)

“The number-one command of scripture, repeated more often than any other is: ‘Do not fear.’ It should not surprise us that the number-one tool of the powers of darkness (fear) is aimed at our supreme purpose: moving in love and displaying His power.” (Ref. page 244, *Experience the Impossible* by Bill Johnson)

Beloved, in my opinion, the strongest admonition and promise in the Scripture for us to not fear is 2 Tim. 1:7 (NKJV), **“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”** All three are overcoming weapons against the enemy’s attempts to get us to accept fear in place of faith when we need faith the very most!

So Beloved, let us come into agreement that no matter what the very imaginative devil can arrange to change in attempts to make us fearful, we will not be afraid and will instead band together in Proverbs 3:5-6, so when God gives the green light to overcome, we will become His all-powerful Change-Changers!

Bold and unafraid Hugs,

