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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

**“If we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us;
If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”**
2 Timothy 2:12-13

Dearly Beloved,

If you haven't read the books of Joshua and Judges for a while, I strongly urge you to do so. They clearly show us the aspect of God's character of Righteousness combined with Justice that much of the Christian church today likes to ignore. The relevance of this to our national existence is unmistakable. Our opening verses encompass what we are getting at: **“God is with you wherever you go”** as long as you are faithful to Him! But **“If we deny Him, He also will deny us”** because **“He remains faithful [to His Word], for He cannot deny Himself.”** These two books show the amazing and miraculous presence and provision of God when His people are faithful to Him, and the horrific results when God's people turn away from Him. Beloved, Righteousness and Justice are the foundations of God's throne (Psalm 89:14), the very undergirding of His reign over the Kingdom of God.

We are suggesting that our incredibly God-blessed country is at the point of turning away from God to the degree that He is having to withdraw His special grace from us in order to be true to His Word and to His own character of being righteous *and* just. Call it what you want, be it judgment or reaping what we have sown, there can be no denying the fact that we are not experiencing the awesome provision and protection of Almighty God that we have historically enjoyed during the brief history of our nationhood. Maybe most of us have become so accustomed to being the most God-blessed people in the world (in spite of some horrible blunders we have made along the way) that we haven't even been aware of how important God's special protections and provisions have been to our establishment, uniqueness, and continuity as a nation, and our extraordinary growth into power and authority worldwide.

David Kupelian's recent brilliant article in *WhistleBlower* magazine expounds on this point. “As a nation — and I'm speaking now of the voting majority, obviously not all of us — we have squandered the priceless inheritance of our forefathers. We have...wasted our substance on immorality and profligate spending. We mock the faith of our fathers. We ignore the Constitution they bequeathed to us. We spit on the moral code they gave us, on which America and Western Civilization were founded. Our wealth — once the natural reward of the mighty engines of industry and innovation that thrive in a free country — is largely an illusion today, based on our debt.”

So we again refer you to the books of Joshua and Judges to see how God manifested His

promises to protect and provide *and to* discipline and discomfort His people. As He brought His people into the Promised Land from their slavery in Egypt, He literally melted away before them the opposition of their enemies as long as His people stayed faithful to Him. But He totally withdrew His overwhelming power from them when they turned their backs on Him and went for foreign gods.

Have you ever wondered how God's people could possibly turn away from Him after experiencing such huge supernatural blessings of His provision, power, and protection? The answer to this question is clearly given to us at the end of Joshua and repeated in the beginning of Judges. **"Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the Lord which He had done for Israel."** (Josh. 24:31) And **"The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel. ... All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel. Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals, and they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the Lord to anger."** (Judg. 2:7 & 10-12, emphasis added)

Amazing? Yes, especially since Joshua had specifically warned God's people of the importance of continuing to pass on to succeeding generations the testimonies of God's miraculous deliverances, and had established a perpetual monument to remind them of it, and had commanded them saying: **"Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place where you will lodge tonight."** (Josh. 4:3) **"He said to the sons of Israel, 'When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.' For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the Lord your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed; that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, so that you may fear the Lord your God forever.'" (Joshua 4:21-24)**

Beloved, God's Word repeatedly says He wants His miracles to be remembered and continually celebrated by His people so they won't forget Him. **"He made His wonders (His wonderful acts) to be remembered (to be a memorial)."** (Psalm 111:4 with margin notes) If you don't think this is applicable to America today, ask your kids some simple questions about our incredible history, like: Do you know how the Pilgrims survived their extremely harsh first winter in this new land? Do you know what George Washington did in the snow at Valley Forge just prior to engaging the British troops? Do you know which President walked miles to return a penny to a customer he had inadvertently short-changed? Do you know what President called the whole nation to fast and pray before key battles? Do you know why the Marine Corps hymn refers to the shores of Tripoli? Do you know what God did in the North Sea off the shores of Dunkirk in World War II? Do you know who single-handedly made possible the establishment of the nation of Israel?

Chances are good that most of your lineage under 20 years of age have no clue about these historical moments and people in our history because we — parents, grandparents, and our school

systems — are not teaching them. And there are so very many more people and pivotal incidents in our history not taught in most of our schools today, especially if they are even close to being considered by some to be divine interventions.

So we are now suffering the progressive withdrawal of God's miraculous involvement in our nation because we as a people, like Israel, haven't passed on to the new generations the testimonies of all the mighty miracles God has performed for us through the years. As a result, today's younger Americans have lost their moral and spiritual compass. Can you see how important it is to keep the flow of testimonies demonstrating God's supernatural involvement with us as a people, a Church, and a nation for succeeding generations to even begin to have a firm foundation for understanding the origin and importance our unique governance and societal standards that we see eroding so rapidly?

Yes, Beloved, we must always keep in our hearts and minds that we are thankfully on the resurrection side of the cross of Jesus, where He bore the physical chastisements for our sins. We don't have to fear the ground opening up and swallowing us like Achan and his tribe. But does that automatically mean the elimination of God's discipline or judgment on our nation that is collectively spurning the God of all creation? Beloved, now is the time we must collectively cry out to our God in repentance for our country's increasingly grievous anti-God behavior and ask for grace and mercy to be upon us individually and collectively as a nation. Cry for His wisdom to do what we can to testify to the youth of today and to the coming generations how the mighty Hand of God has historically been upon us, and how much we need to once again honor Him so it will return to us.

Bless you as you re-present Jesus, the one true Almighty Father God, and the Holy Spirit, and their roots and coverings in our national existence to your children and grandchildren, and prepare them and yourself for God's grace to empower us to all walk upright in Christ Jesus through whatever God's plan our future includes.

Huge Hopeful Hugs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul & Gretel". The script is cursive and fluid, with the ampersand being particularly stylized.

MINISTRY REPORT:

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