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*But those who wait on the LORD  
Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.  
Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)*



For several months, beginning on March 27th, as I have prayed and worshipped the Lord, I have seen a vision of Jesus. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father with his right hand extended. He is reaching down as masses of people are reaching up toward him, crying out to Him—crying out in desperation, begging God for His help—crying out in repentance, begging God for His mercy—crying out for loved ones to be saved and delivered—crying out to Jesus!

And this is the verse that resonates in my spirit to share. ***Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. Isaiah 59:1 (NKJV)***

The Bible tell us that Jesus is positioned at the right hand of the Father God in intercession for us. He knows our needs better than we do and He is listening to our cries, our prayers, and our worship. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. He has promised to be our strength when we are weak. He has promised to always be the truth, the light and the way for us. He has promised that He will be our Shepherd to lead us through the valley, and to bring us out of the darkness into the light.

He is reaching down as we are reaching up and as we worship Him and decree His Truths, recognizing that He is indeed with us, we are being loosed and set free to step into this new era with confidence in Him and what He can and will do through us, not just for us. He is preparing the way. He goes before us. He has already visited our future. He already knows what's ahead. He has purposed and planned it before the foundation of the earth. He never fails. He will be there when we need Him, just as He is now. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He is the all knowing, altogether perfect God and He is perfecting the things that concern us.

***For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)***

This is not a time to panic, nor be passive. This is a time to pray! This is a time to press in to Him, into our Hope of Glory, for He is our Hope and He desires to glorify Himself in us. We are meant to be carriers of truth and light. We are designed to reach out and go beyond our natural thinking. We are created to be His Vessels of Honor. This is a time for us to possess our own Vessels.

***1 Thessalonians 4:4 (NKJV) that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor.***

This is a time to surrender to Him for a time of sanctification. This is a time of being separated unto Him. It is not a punishment, it is a purification. God is in control and He wants us to see Him as being the Greater One that His Greatness can be revealed to others through us. He is El Shaddai! Let us rise up and do His Will, His Way and be vessels and carriers of compassion. Let us love others more than ourselves and most of all let us love God!. Let us recognize Him for the Heavenly Father and Holy God that He is and let us yield to Him as He prepares us spirit,

soul, and body to be the best we can be in Him. giving Him all honor and glory, worship and praise for the Majestic, Marvelous God that He is!

He is shaking— He is sifting —He is sorting out that which does not please Him, that which does not line up with Him and His Agenda and Timing. He holds the Plan for He created it. He is the Potter and we are the clay. Who are we to question Him...let us yield to Him that He may mold us and make us into the image of Christ as He has planned all along. Remember, it was He who said, "*Let us make man in our image.*"

We are living in a challenging time. There is much chaos and confusion and many voices speaking, shouting, and making outrageous noise. In all of the racket, rioting, and refusal to honor what is right according to the law, and most importantly what is right according to God, it is difficult to hear and to know the truth. As believers we must seek the Lord and fasten our faith and focus on Jesus! He is our Hope!

***The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call out to Him in truth. Psalm 145:18***

If you read the whole chapter of Isaiah 59, you will discover a description of a people's lifestyle that matches the scenario on display in this season. I just celebrated my 83rd Birthday on June 12, and I have never seen or ever expected to see the magnitude of manifestations disrespecting and dishonoring of human life paraded and championed on the streets of my country. Nor have I ever prayed as fervently and passionately for Almighty God to intervene and stop the madness. My heart hurts to see the suffering, but I hurt most for those who do not know the Truth. This is not about politics, though it is primarily being acted out on the political scene. This is a **Spiritual Battle** between good and evil.

***In John 10:10, Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.***

**Ephesians 6:12** tells us we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but that does not mean that we cease contesting against the enemies of God. We are not meant to sit idly by wringing our hands or being politely silent. Our best weapon is God's Word. **Therein is the power-decreeing, praying, and singing God's Word.** Praying and singing the Psalms! Rejoicing and giving thanks! We get loud at sport arenas. Why not shout it out for Jesus! He is the real champion and hero! I love to cheer for the Steelers, but not one of them gave his life for me. I pray and honor my President, but He is not my Savior. I pray for all leaders in government—for all nations, and for all principalities in power that God's righteousness will prevail. **I daily decree: God's Kingdom come and God's Will be done!**

***1 Timothy 2:1-3 The Passion Translation, Instruction on Prayer: Most of all, I'm writing to encourage you to pray with gratitude to God. Pray for all men with all forms of prayers and requests as you intercede with intense passion. <sup>2</sup> And pray for every political leader<sup>[a]</sup> and representative,<sup>[b]</sup> so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed lives, as we worship the awe-inspiring God with pure hearts. <sup>3</sup> It is pleasing to our Savior-God to pray for them.***

My faith is focused on Jesus Christ. I trust Him! I depend on Him! My hope is in Him, and I believe what He says because he is not a man that He might lie. He said He will never leave me nor forsake me and nothing absolutely nothing can separate me from His love -**NOTHING!** I believe that He is going to turn all this around for our good and for His glory, but the verse is clear—It says for those who love Him. (**Romans 8:28**).

**Math 6:33 Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added to you.**

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Be strong and stay safe and secure in God's loving arms. Trust Jesus! He loves you unconditionally! In Jesus Name, His Missionary in Guatemala, Arlene Reitz

**1 Timothy 1:17**

***Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.***