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Dear Believer:

Blessings and greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ the righteous. Without Him there is nothing.

There are four things that I would like to share as areas of prayer this month after reminding you that though many things seem to be out of hand and beyond what can be turned around; there is nothing impossible with God. No matter the appearance of impending doom, God is able to accomplish all that He has promised. We must learn to see the reality of the kingdom instead of focusing on the problems of the day. Three things that we have been hearing from the Lord in the last few months lead us in the direction of a more kingdom focus. A fourth shows us perhaps the greatest hindrance to such a proper focus.

First of all, recently while praying for the Lord to transform our area an intercessor began to experience what some might call a vision. They described what they saw as a storm of cleansing that is coming. Because they saw it from various angles at different times it became clear that without the proper perspective, it will look like devastation and there will be a lot of fearfulness, but it is the hand of God. Part of the purpose of the insight was to show us that God is about to move in a powerful way and we need to be ready to recognize what is happening, be ready to pray, be ready to minister, and be ready to bring in the harvest in the midst of the storm. What was dark and filthy in front of the storm was sharp, clean and shining behind it and there was no hint of devastation, just purity. The second thing we have heard even more recently was during a meeting where someone was speaking of being concerned about not hearing any direction from the Lord. God ministered to us that we should deepen our relationship with Him and draw near during this time of peace as preparation for action yet to come. Let the peace go deeper within our spirit and enlarge within us as a source of continual refreshment arising within. Let the peace permeate us as we walk in the midst of the whirlwind. By learning to trust God in the silence, we will trust Him when He speaks. The third thing to relate in this same vein is that the Lord has had us praying that we would recognize and receive the increasing manifestation of God's presence so that we would know Him in every situation. By allowing God to work perspective, peace and awareness in us we will grow.

More and more the Lord is pointing out to us that the greatest hindrance to His working in us and in our area is pride, arrogance, and self-centeredness. A few months ago we pointed out the great need for what I would call secondary level leadership to be watchful of subtle rebellious attitudes. The Lord continues to show us this need through the rebellion of Miriam and Aaron in Numbers 12 which seems to have led to the evil report of the spies sent into Canaan and even to rebellion of Korah which resulted in more than 14,000 deaths. We must be in proper position for the kingdom to move forward in power.

We have received a prayer request for the Episcopal Church at large. There will be a Primates meeting of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church on Feb 12-19 in Tanzania. The Episcopal organization is in need of God's intervention. Let us pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit in that arm of the Church of the Living God.

We're planning a corporate prayer meeting for March and the National Day of Prayer is coming in May. Watch for notices announcing the date and time and please, remember this ministry in your prayers and your giving.

Sincerely,
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