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Discouragement

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Peoples lives are like the tiles which are seen on the floor, many times they remind us that each has a different lifestyle, but when we let God do the work, let Him put together what His plans are for us, He is able to put together a beautiful pattern, pleasing for all to see, so be encouraged when God puts it together.

Most people know what it is to be challenged with discouragement or some may know what it is to yield to discouragement. Some people give in easily, whereas some are fighters, knowing how to take control and rise up to discouragement, not giving in, but becoming more determined to face situations. We must learn how to take control when under turbulence, but when discouragement comes, which means to neutralize or give into fear. We cannot give the control to someone else which is usually the enemy or we allow our senses to dictate, telling us when, where and what the outcome will be.

Luke 6 and Matthew 7 teach that the storm is going to come to all, some will be able to handle it and some will not. We may question ourselves as to what have we done wrong? We may have not done anything wrong.

Daniel was impeccable in his lifestyle, but the den of lions came, the three Hebrew children were impeccable, but the fiery furnace came, none of them had done anything wrong, had not missed the mark in any area. Joseph was impeccable in his lifestyle, but the trials came to all of them. Others missed the mark, Jonah in disobedience, but he turned to God in the midst of the storm and was delivered, because he chose to believe in God's grace and mercy and that his circumstances were subject to change. If our actions or lifestyle cause us to miss the mark we must choose to believe what God says to us. Paul was delivered out of the ship wreck because he chose to believe what God had said. God is a deliverer in whatever situation that we might be in; it is not merited on our works, but is merited on our believing God and trusting Him.

1 Thess 2:18 "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us" KJV

Hinder means to impede, put on hold, break up the road on which we are traveling, to cut into.

Many times as we are going along, everything seems to be fine, but we get blindsided, Satan hinders us. This is what Paul was referring to, his progress had been put on hold, and his plans of travel had been interfered with. The same happens to us when we allow discouragement to enter into our lives, but we cannot quit or give up. It will take extra effort to recover or to redeem the time, but God will help us getting us back on schedule. We must resist the discouragement that the enemy wants to hinder us with.

Discouragement means to be utterly without a way, have no hope, no future, breaking us down leaving us with no power. We have lost our purpose and vision and have no confidence; it has been thrown away because we didn't know how to react to discouragement.

Discouragement has a man-ward side, how we are to react and a God side, what God wants to do in the midst of discouragement. Discouragement can be a growing time, an opportunity to overcome, to let the Christ that lives in us allow us to rise up and be strong in His might and to overcome.

Some people, when discouragement has come on them, look like "chickens out in the rain", their countenance is droopy, barely walking around, but God ordained us to be like eagles, to mount up as eagles, fly above the storms of life, to get up into His presence.

Isaiah tells us what is required of man when he becomes discouraged. No one can make us get up or do this for us; we have the ability to chose and make choices. We must get up and resist the depression, it is our choice. We must take the step of faith required where God will meet us.

Isaiah 60:1-3 "ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! 2For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you." AMP

God wants to make a difference in those who are trusting and believing Him. It is our responsibility to rise up, make the choice

Discouragement does not come from God, He encourages. Courage is not needed

unless we are going to do something.

Isaiah 57:10 "Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved." KJV

We have faced challenges, maybe became weary, but we didn't yield to discouragement, saying it is all over, God is done with us, but have found life and were not grieved. Don't hang around people who are discouraged, but find those who can encourage and lift you up.

The following scriptures show what God will do and wants to do in times of discouragement. Elijah had recently challenged the prophets of Baal and God had supernaturally shown the people His power. However, Elijah became discouraged and feared what would happen to him because of these events. He was ready to just give up but God wasn't done with him. God had also told Elijah that he was not the only one left, but had others that had not bowed their knee to Baal. There is no place that you can hide from God.

1 Kings 19:5-11 "5And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. God had provided for him. 7And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. He had a divine visitation. 9And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?. God gave Elijah a specific word on what He was going to do. 11And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake " KJV God spoke to Elijah in a still, small voice. He thought that God wasn't going to help him.

The rest of the chapter in 1 Kings 19 tells the complete story of the word that God gave to Elijah, telling him what he was to do and what was going to happen to him. He was to train and mentor Elisha before God took him. Elijah's ministry was passed on to Elisha.

Eph 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." KJV

From God's side of discouragement, God wants to strengthen us, to provide for us. We can expect from God's side, divine visitations, He wants to visit us, in the midnight hours of our life. This is what God wants to do and will do. He is not done; the enemy is trying to wipe us out. God will give a specific word for you in your time of discouragement. If you want to die, you have no hope.

God's plan is to use us as long as we are willing to be used. We must be

committed to mentoring or teaching someone else and that can be the hardest challenge there is. We must learn to be servants. Endurance and persistence are other words for success. The furnace of life that we sometimes go through will enable us to rise up. God will speak to us and give us fresh anointing. God is not through blessing you. Repent if discouragement is present in your lives