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Be The One #2

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Arise is the word that has been given over and over these last few weeks, not only to this congregation but to the ministry at Ft. Supply, the prisoners there and how it would effect them, the Holy Spirit showed that those men were really more free than most of the believers outside of the walls. The word began to speak that many of them have already passed the test and are in position to receive Gods best. God is a God of restoration, if we know that God is a restorer, and how can we be upset? The following scriptures tell us how and what to do in order to receive what God has for us. The test has been passed for all the believers who have acted on the word.

Isa 60:1-2 "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! 2 For 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

Isa 60:1-2 "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." KJV

*depression or discouragement - can be a box that has been put on them in which they will not step out of the box, putting limits on them, and they yield to the circumstances

So many believers today do not realize or are not familiar with the glory that God has for them and that the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. It is hard for people going through these hard times to realize that there is a way out of the negative circumstances that has been placed on them. God has a new life for each of them and Gods glory will shine upon them and be seen on them. "Be like that tree that is planted by the river of waters that brings forth its fruit in its season, his leaves shall not wither and whatsoever he does shall prosper." That is Gods plan for us and we are arising to a new life.

We must have the attitude in life that we are not going to quit, we are not going to

listen to the enemy who is trying to get us to quit. We will not be overcome by adversity and yield to circumstances regardless of what they are, realizing that they are only light afflictions for a moment and are subject to change. We cannot blame God for what is happening and if we do we must ask for forgiveness. We read in the book of Job that this was his problem, he didn't know what was happening, he didn't see what God had planned for him and when he did, he realized that he had spoken wrongly and had to repent. If we knew what God had planned for us we would step out of the box and run with renewed energy. There will always be resistance or opposition anytime we are growing or becoming more mature, especially spiritually.

Example given of the test pilot, Chuck Yeager and the things that he encountered in one of his flights. Breaking the sound barrier was something that had never been attempted before, but he was willing even though he had broken ribs and didn't want anyone to know. He stepped out of the box and was willing to go to the full extent of what needed to be done to prove that it could be done. We can step out of adversity if we are willing to rise up and shine, there may be some resistance but the devil is not as strong as he thinks he is, God is stronger.

Psa 30:5 "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." KJV

God's favour is life, joy comes in the morning, if we can just endure the night spiritually we can receive His blessing.

The following scriptures is Paul telling us that we have received the anointing, the ministry in earthen vessels and that God's strength would be shown through us. There are extreme difficulties but we will see the abundant grace of God that He bestows on us, if we don't give up, regardless of what we are going through, we will not cast away our confidence, keep pursuing God and don't faint. Our spirit man is getting stronger and stronger every day. These afflictions are small compared to the great things that God is going to lavish on us. Read verses 17 and 18 in the all translations to understand what Paul is telling the people that he is teaching, These afflictions will only last for a small period of time, but the good things will last eternally, forever and ever.

2 Cor 4:16-18 "Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day. 17 For our light, momentary

affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], 18 Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting." AMP

2 Cor 4:16-18 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are *temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." KJV

*temporal - subject to change, means they will pass away, adversity did not come to stay

2 Cor 4:16-18 "That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." NLT

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Our attitude should be that we won't give up but will continue to press forward, staying focused on the trouble only hinders our walk and makes it take a longer time to reach our goal. Don't be looking forward to things that can be seen but to the

things that cannot be seen which are eternal. Don't be hanging onto the things or the challenges of the past, let them go so we won't be missing the blessings that the Lord has for us today.

David had said in the Psalms that if he hadn't believed God, he would have fainted in the day of adversity, but he chose to believe God.

The following scripture is an example of how Jonah has run from God, didn't want to do what God had told him and found himself in the belly of a large fish after being thrown overboard from the ship that he was riding on. He realized that his attitude had gotten him in this situation because of being disobedient. God had already provided the fish, making a holding place for the season that Jonah was to go through until he was ready to say yes to God. There is a season for us to get ready to say yes and come into obedience. Jonah began to see God's grace and His goodness, he began to pray and remember God, he had been observing the lying vanities forsaking God's mercy, while he was still in the belly of the fish, he began to worship and praise God and the Lord put him out on dry ground.

Jonah 2:7-8 "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. 8 They that observe lying *vanities forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. 10 And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land." KJV

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* vanities means something transitory, fleeting or brief, going to pass

2 Cor 4:17 "For **our present troubles are small and won't last very long**. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! " NLT

Rom 8:18 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." KJV

Don't be a quitter - God has a plan and nothing has changed. Prayer is given for them that maybe having troubles with lying spirits and challenges that they are facing. God's deliverance is real, His blessings are real and He is for them and not against them. Taking authority over those harassing spirits in Jesus name and setting them free.

