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Crossing Over

Prophetic word from the Lord through Richard Pace

“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you. “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. “Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth’ “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the Lord your God” (Deut 8:1-20 NKJV).

The Lord is leading the Body of Christ into its Promised Land for the season we are coming into. The Promised Land represents the place that God has ordained for you to come into

at the present time - the place of victory, abundance of blessings, answers to prayer, fulfillment of the promises of God and rest. The word of the Lord for us (the Church) at this time is MULTIPLICATION. We are in a time of transition. We are coming into a season of multiplication and multiplication greatly.

“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers.” (Deut 8:1).

“...And when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied...” (Deut 8:13).

“Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you – ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ (Deut 6:3).

We see in the book of Acts that God led the early Church through a four level process of growth and prosperity;

1. Addition: *Acts 2:47 “...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” Acts 11:24 “...And a great many people were added to the Lord.”*
2. Increased addition: *Acts 5:14 “...And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women...”*
3. Multiplication: *Acts 9:31 “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”*
4. Multiplication greatly: *Acts 6:7 “Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”*

It is God's perfect will for us to go from strength to strength, to multiply and to bear much fruit for His Kingdom (Jn 15:8, 16). It is God's perfect will for the contemporary church to experience the multiplication that the early church experienced and more. This is the place that the Lord is bringing us to now.

There are two things that will occur before you come into your Promised Land.

1. There will be a wilderness experience.
2. There will be a battle.

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The time had come for the Lord to lead His people into the Promised Land.

“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in

your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.” (Deut 8:1-3).

“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.” (Deut 8:7-10).

But before He did, He first led them through the wilderness.

“And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness,” (Deut 8:2).

Why did He do this? He did this to humble them, to test them, to know what was in their heart and whether they would obey Him or not (Deut 8:2). He allowed them to hunger so they may eat the manna and know that they were not to rely on anything or anyone else besides Him (Deut 8:3).

At the present time God has been taking the Church through a season of personal distress, discipline and purification commonly referred to by the scriptures as the wilderness or desert. Have you noticed that the past ten years have been the most difficult yet most prosperous years the Church has ever seen? This is because God has been taking us through a wilderness in preparation for the glory to come. The wilderness causes you to desperately yearn for, seek after and dig deeper into God and His word which in turn builds you up and causes you to prosper in Him, the fruit of the Spirit and the work of the Kingdom. Every Christian, at one point of their faith journey or another, will be required to go through at least one major wilderness experience. What is the purpose for the wilderness? God's purpose for you in the wilderness is to;

1. Humble you: to purify the pride, stubbornness, selfishness, hatred, bitterness, selfish ambitions, selfish passions and ungodly desires out of you so that you may seek Him and learn to depend upon Him (vs. 2).
2. To test you: to reveal the sin, impurities and hidden motives of our hearts so that we may see them for how destructive they really are, repent and have them removed (vs. 2).
3. To know what is in our hearts (vs. 2).
4. To see whether we would be and remain obedient to Him or not (vs. 2).
5. To allow us to hunger and feed us with manna: To bring us to a place of total desperation for Him so that we will run to, seek, wait on Him and have Godly character - the nature and character of Jesus - developed in us as a result (vs. 3) and

6. To prepare us for the next level with Him: To teach us how to depend upon Him for victory over the giants and to move into our promised land. To take us to a deeper level of intimacy with Him and position us to receive what He has for us.

The word of God reveals; ***“So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.” (Deut 8:3).***

The wilderness is the place that God brings you to where everything you are depending upon, leaning upon or clinging to besides or instead of Him begins to fail you, is knocked out from under you or purified out of you. It is the place where God empties your heart and soul of selfish lusts, passions, desires and mortifies your sinful nature (puts your flesh to death), leaving you starving for Him. What do you do when you haven't eaten for a few days? You crave and seek after food. What do you do when you haven't had water and are thirsty? You crave and seek for water. What happens when you become spiritually empty? you begin seeking to fill the emptiness in your soul and God is there waiting to fill you with His nature, character and will. The Psalmist understood this when he penned; ***“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (Ps 42:1, 2. NKJV).*** This is to “make you know” - that you may realize (have a revelation) - that you cannot trust, rely upon or lean upon anything or anyone in the same way as God and His word. ***“That He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.”*** It is so that you may no longer lean on your own power, might, wisdom and intelligence but come out of it leaning on Him; ***“Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?” (SS 8:5 NKJV).***

When you come to this point, you will realize that there is nowhere else to go to and no one else to turn to except God and you will find Him waiting with open arms to receive you. In a situation like this you can choose to either run to God or run from God. When you choose to run to and seek Him, He begins to change you for in His presence you will be changed (2 Cor 3:17, 18). He will purify you of your sinful nature and replace it with the nature and character of Jesus. The Bible tells us that we are to be conformed to Christ and that we are predestined to be so (Rom 8:9). The wilderness is the place where this occurs. The wilderness usually involves; tests, trials, tribulations, delayed answers, hardships, difficulties and challenges which the Lord uses to mould us into the people He desires us to be.

The Lord takes us through wilderness experiences to develop Godly character - the nature and character of Jesus - in us. He does it so that we may be emptied of self, hunger after, run to and seek Him, be fed with His presence - His nature and character - and become more like Jesus as a result. Paul understood this when he wrote; ***“And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope, now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us” (Rom 5:3-5 NKJV).*** Paul here wrote; ***“we also glory in tribulation...” (vs. 3).***

The word glory here means "to boast about or in" or "to rejoice about or in". What could Paul possibly have to boast about in tribulations, hardships and difficulties? He wasn't boasting or rejoicing about the pain and suffering he endured but the work that God was doing in and through him as a result of it. God was forging the fruit of the Spirit - the nature and character of Jesus - in him through it. In Rom 5:3-5, Paul mentions three of the nine fruit of the Holy Spirit; "perseverance" (patience, long-suffering), "hope" (a form of faith or faithfulness) and "love". In Galatians 5:22, we see the nine fruit of the Holy Spirit - which is the manifestation of the nature and character of God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ) in the heart and life of a believer - and three of them are: long-suffering, faithfulness and love. Paul also mentions that perseverance produces character and character, hope. What character? Whose character? The nature and character of Jesus in us and one of the ways this is accomplished is through wilderness experiences.

The word "tribulation" in the Greek here is thlipsis which means; pressure, tribulation, affliction, trouble, anguish, persecution, to be burdened, "a pressing down, pressure, anything which burdens the soul." Just as a potter takes a piece of clay and fashions it by applying pressure to different areas of the clay with his fingers to create a beautiful vessel, so too God uses external circumstances to fashion, mould and make us into people after His own likeness, beautiful vessels fit for the Master's use. He is not responsible for the difficulty, hardship, pain and suffering that you may be experiencing but uses it to our advantage by turning what was meant for our harm, for our good. **"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive" (Gen 50:20 NKJV), "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom 8:28 NKJV).** What a wonderful God we serve! This is what Paul meant when he wrote; "we also glory in tribulation..."

Jesus Himself went through a wilderness experience before beginning His public ministry. The word of God tells us; "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." (Mt 4:1 NKJV). Who led Him into the wilderness? Satan? Demons? Men? No! The Holy Spirit! God! Jesus didn't have to go through a wilderness experience because He was sinful or imperfect and needed to repent but as a man had a free will of His own, a right to use it and had to bring it under submission to God's will. This was the place where Jesus learnt to do so. This is why Jesus, in the garden of Gethsemane, under extreme spiritual, emotional and physical pressure, was able to say; "not as I will, but as You will.", conquered the giants of Satan, demons and sin, defeating them at Calvary and came into His Promised Land, the Resurrection and Eternal glory. If Jesus had to go through a wilderness experience to prepare Him for His public ministry, how much more do we need to go through the wilderness in preparation for what God has for us.

God allowed the Israelites to hunger so that they would cry out to Him and be fed with manner. The manner represents Jesus Christ. Jesus declared in Jn 6:32 "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread (manna) from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread (manna) from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (NKJV. Parenthesis added).

"The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread (manna)

which came down from heaven." (Jn 6:41 NKJV. Parenthesis added)

The manna that God gave the Israelites in the wilderness was a type of the Christ, The true manna which the Father gave from heaven. Just as God gave the manna to sustain them so that they would not die physically, so too God gave Jesus Christ, the true manna from heaven so that in accepting, knowing and partaking (feeding) off Him, we would not die spiritually but have eternal life in Him (Jn 3:16).

God says concerning the manna in Deuteronomy 8:3; **"...which you did not know nor did your fathers know..."** The Israelites did not realize (know) that the manna was a type of the Christ. They did not know the Christ for the Christ had not yet come. They did not realize that in feeding them the manna, God was teaching them how to partake of or feed off Him. He wanted them to know, depend upon and receive their sustenance from Him. We see that many of them refused and as a result, rejected the manna for quail (Num 11:1-35). They rejected God and His will for the lust and cravings of their sinful appetites. As a result, judgment came (Num 11:14, 33, 34). In rejecting the manna - which was a type of Christ, they rejected Christ in a type. This was also a type of the Jews rejecting their Messiah, Jesus Christ. We see that the same thing happened to the Jews in Jesus day, they rejected their Messiah. They rejected the true manna from heaven. They completely missed Him because they did not know Him, hardened their hearts against Him and were judged as a result.

It is not God's will for you to die in the wilderness, for the present circumstances, hardships and difficulties to consume and destroy you. The purpose of God for us in the wilderness is to learn to trust, rely, depend upon and feed off Him and to have the nature and character of Jesus forged in us as a result; To know Him more intimately, to go to a deeper level of intimacy with Him and in doing so, obtain the grace to handle whatever responsibilities, giftings, anointings, assignments, challenges, hardships, difficulties and giants that may come our way.

The word of God says in Deut 8:5; **"You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you."** Why did the Lord lead His people through the wilderness? To chasten or discipline them. Whenever we hear the words "chasten" or "discipline" we immediately take them in a negative context and automatically think of an angry father beating his children senseless but this is not how God sees chastening or discipline and this is not how we should see it either. Heb 12:5-13 states; **"And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed (NKJV). Firstly, The Lord chastens us because He loves us. Just the fact that He even bothers to discipline us is confirmation that He thinks of us and loves us dearly. Secondly, He disciplines us because we are His children. Just as a loving father disciplines his children, teaching them right from wrong to protect them from destruction, so too the Heavenly Father does with us. Thirdly, He does it for our profit and fourthly, that we may be partakers of His holiness. So that we may “partake” “feed off” Him and become more like Him as a result.

The Lord is so merciful and tender that He will not give you any responsibilities, giftings, anointings or assignments that He knows will be too much for you to handle nor will He lead you into situations that He knows will destroy you (Mt 6:13, 1 Cor 10:13). In like manner, He is so just that He will not give you any responsibilities, giftings, anointings or assignments that He knows you will abuse so He prepares you by leading you through a wilderness which may involve difficulty, hardship, tests, trials or delayed answers to reveal the sin and selfishness in your heart and purify you of it. He also does this to remove the sin, obstacles and barriers that are preventing you from going to a deeper level of intimacy with Him and from receiving what He has for you.

God did not allow Joseph to assume his position as prime minister of Egypt without first taking him through a wilderness experience which lasted approximately fourteen years. In this wilderness experience, Joseph encountered a chain of events which included tests, trials, tribulations, persecutions and delayed answers. The purpose for this was to prepare Joseph for the responsibilities to come by testing or strengthening his character, teaching him how to run to, seek, trust and rely upon God in and for everything, developing Godly character in him as a result. The word of God tells us in Ps 105:17-19; ***“He sent a man before them - Joseph - who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him”*** (NKJV emp. Added). The New Living Translation says; ***“Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD tested Joseph’s character”*** (emp. Added). You may have unfulfilled dreams, visions and desires that seem like they are taking forever to come to pass but the reason for the delay is because the Lord is “testing” your character in preparation for what is to come. He is developing Godly character in you and strengthening you so that you will be able to handle, with humility, what He has for you. Notice the scripture says; ***“...until the time came to fulfill his dreams...”*** Joseph’s dreams were eventually fulfilled in God’s timing but until then, the Lord tested him to prepare him for the great responsibility to come. If God allowed Joseph to take the position of prime minister of Egypt even one day before the appointed time, he would have messed everything up. There was too much at stake. Joseph needed to be prepared for it. If the dreams, visions, and desires in your heart have been put there by God, eventually they will come to pass as long as you remain faithful and obedient to Him in the midst of the wilderness. As long as Joseph was faithful and obedient to God in the midst of terrible trial, God used the circumstances to propel him to the next level until he became prime minister of Egypt. The Israelites who rebelled against God in the wilderness died in it but those who were obedient and faithful to Him in the midst of terrible hardship were

promoted to the Promised Land. A promotion is coming your way.

Paul was not separated unto his apostolic ministry before God first led him through a preparation process which also lasted approximately fourteen years. This process included tests, trials, tribulations, persecutions and delays. Saul of Tarsis encountered the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus, was knocked off his horse and born again in Acts 9 but it was not until Acts 13:2 that Saul was separated unto his apostolic ministry to the Gentiles. It is interesting that Saul is never called Paul (the Apostle) until after Acts 13:2, until after God prepared him and then separated him to his Apostolic ministry. From Acts 9 to Acts 13:2, God spends the whole time preparing Saul for this very important ministry and He did it through difficulties and hardships.

If God had not first prepared the Israelites in the wilderness and taught them to depend upon Him, they would not have been able to defeat the giants waiting for them in the Promised Land for it was in knowing the Lord that they were able to trust Him and it is in trusting Him that they received the power and ability to defeat their enemies. Not only that but they would have made an idol of the tremendous blessings they received in the Promised Land and forgot the Lord their God.

God also led the Israelites through the wilderness so that when the Israelites went into the Promised Land, defeated their enemies and prospered, they would never forget that it was God and Him alone that made it possible;

“When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’” (Deut 8:11-18).

When everything is going well for us, we tend to become prideful, “lifted up” in our hearts and forget that it is only because of God that we are where we are. That is why so many powerful men and women of God and so many great Churches and ministries have fallen. The Lord is reminding us that when we come into our Promised Land, the place of multiplication and abundance of blessings, we do not take the glory or credit for ourselves, forgetting to give Him all glory for it and turning our hearts to “other gods”.

When God could see that the Israelites were ready to possess the Promised Land, He led them in. But before they could settle in it, they had to defeat the giants.

“Hear, O Israel: You are to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, a people

***great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you heard it said, 'Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?' Therefore understand today that the Lord your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you.'* (Deut 9:1-3 NKJV).**

2. There will be a battle

***"Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle"* (Ps 144:1 NKJV).**

There is an important truth that we must all understand concerning this. There cannot be victory without a battle. We have an enemy that is doing everything he can to prevent us from going further in and reaching our destiny in God.

God used the wilderness to prepare or train the Israelites for their battle with the giants. They needed to learn how to look to and rely on God alone for the victory. This was the only way they could have won for God was the only one who could have given them the victory and it was in relying upon, trusting in and obeying Him that they received the strength to overcome the giants. It is in and through the wilderness that God trains us to overcome the giants that may be waiting for us in our promised land and to handle whatever God may have prepared for us.

Before you come into your promised land, the enemy - Satan and demons - will do everything they possibly can in their power to stop you. It is here that you can choose to go forward or give up. If you choose to go forward, you will win, if you choose to give up, you will lose. If you choose to remain faithful to Him where He has put you, you will succeed but if you choose to walk away, you will fail (Gal 6:9).

The giants represent demonic powers, obstacles and barriers that attempt to prevent you from reaching your destiny in God. Each time the Lord is about to move, the enemy will move in an attempt to stop it.

- *You will know the greatness (intensity) of the move of God to come by the intensity of the attack of the enemy that precedes it.*
- *The greater the calling, anointing, ministry or assignment, the hotter, longer and more intense the wilderness and the greater the opposition.*
- *The greater the assignment, the greater the demons that are assigned to you.*
- *New Level, new devil.*
- *The greater the battle, the greater the victory.*

If you have found yourself in a wilderness that seems to be getting hotter and just doesn't want to end, rejoice! If you find yourself being opposed by the enemy more viciously than ever before, rejoice! It is because God has a great plan for you and is preparing you for it! He is going to move in a way you have never experienced before! He is taking you to a higher level of intimacy with Him than you have ever been to before! He is going to use you in ways He has never used you before! He is about to bless and prosper

you in ways you have never seen before! He is leading you into a greater victory than you have ever known before! You are going to deal a greater and deadlier blow to the kingdom of darkness than you ever have before and the enemy is shaking in his boots! HALLELUJAH!

In a football game, when a team is approaching the try line, the opposing team will muster up all their players in an attempt to stop them from scoring a try. It amuses me to see one solitary man running towards the try line with a football in his arms and a wall of players from the opposing team standing at the try line, waiting to jump a single man. It is amazing how one man can evoke such a reaction in many. How one man can be such a threat and the effort and trouble the opposing team endures to stop just one man from crossing the try line. That is the power of one. Just one believer can have a profound effect on the kingdom of darkness and the world. If one can have such an impact, just think of how greater an impact we can have if we joined together in unity against the kingdom of darkness (Dt 32:30, Mt 18:18-20). The enemy is mustering up his forces against you because you are about to cross over the Jordan into your promised land and he knows that once you step into the place that God has ordained for you, it's all over but the shouting! Its game over! Full time!

We have nothing to fear. Satan is a defeated foe. Forever conquered by Jesus Christ on Calvary two thousand years ago. He has conquered the enemy and has given us the victory. He is victorious and because we are "in Him" we too are victorious. Satan and his demons are under our feet!

***"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* (Lk 10:19 NKJV).**

***"You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot"* (Ps 91:13 NKJV).**

***"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgement you shall condemn"* (Isa 54:17 NKJV).**

***"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."* (Rom 8:28 NKJV).**

***"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"* (Rom 8:31 NKJV).**

***"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."* (Rom 8:37 NKJV).**

***"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ..."* (2 Cor 2:14 NKJV).**

***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Phil 4:13).**

As you step out in faith to cross over into your Promised Land, trusting and obeying the Lord, not only will He fight with you but He will fight for you to give you the victory in what ever circumstances you are facing.

"Therefore understand today that the Lord your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you." (Deut 9:1-3 NKJV).

"The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways" (Deut 28:7 NKJV).

"And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." (Exo 14:13, 14 NKJV).

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Josh 1:9).

"...Thus says the Lord to you: 'Do not be afraid or dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'" (2 Chron 20:15 NKJV).

"You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you" (2 Chron 20:17).

"When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him" (Isa 59:19 NKJV).

I want to share a prophecy with you that the Lord gave me recently concerning this;

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A spiritual battle is coming. It is developing in the spirit. It is on the horizon. The enemy is mustering up his forces and the Lord is positioning His warriors. Judgment is coming to this nation and to the nations of the earth. The nations have fallen so deep into complacency, idolatry, selfishness and lovelessness that even among God's people the agape love of God has grown cold and self centeredness has set in.

The Lord says; ***"Now is the time when I will move to remove these spirits from among you. If I do not move now, the nations will be so far gone that it will be almost impossible to retrieve them."***

Then I saw a vision of the men and women of God rising up in prayer. A great army. As they began to pray I heard screaming and shrieking. I saw demons coming out of the ground (earth) and out of people. They were hidden but were now exposed. The screaming and shrieking came from the demons that were coming out of the ground and out of the people.

A great purification spread throughout the nation and many were delivered, healed and set free. Then I saw the same people, out of whom the demons came, worshipping and serving the Lord. They rose up in the power of God and where the majority of people were bound, they were now delivered and following the Lord.

Some are in a wilderness, some are experiencing hardships and difficulties, some are struggling financially, some are facing sickness, disease, depression and oppression. Some are waiting on the Lord, wondering why it is taking so long for the promise of God to manifest. Some are being attacked by the enemy and some are facing the greatest mountains you have ever faced in your life but no matter what you are facing right now, the Lord is with you to deliver you and you will come out of it closer to Him and stronger in Him than you were before you went into it.

"For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you" (Deut 23:14 NKJV).

"But the Lord your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies" (2 Kin 17:39 NKJV).

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Ps 34:19 NKJV).

"Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence" (Ps 91:13 NKJV).

"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him" (Ps 91:14, 15 NKJV).

"Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you," says the Lord" (Jer 1:8 NKJV).

"Who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us" (2 Cor 1:10 NKJV).

In all this, God has led you where you are to do you good in the end.

"...that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end..." (Deut 8:16 NKJV).

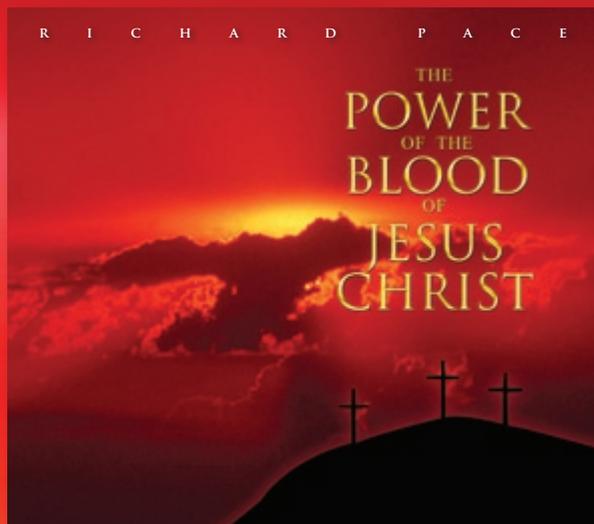
"Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would increase abundantly" (Job 8:7 NKJV).

"For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jer 29:11 NKJV).

The word of the Lord for the Church and for you at this time is that He is leading you out of the wilderness to cross over the Jordan into your promised land.

"For you will cross over the Jordan and go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and you will possess it and dwell in it" (Deut 11:31 NKJV).

Rejoice! You are coming into your promised land!



“FOR WHEN WE WERE STILL WITHOUT STRENGTH, IN DUE TIME CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY. FOR SCARCELY FOR A RIGHTEOUS MAN WILL ONE DIE; YET PERHAPS FOR A GOOD MAN SOMEONE WOULD EVEN DARE TO DIE. BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE TOWARDS US, IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US. MUCH MORE THEN, HAVING NOW BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM.” ROM 5:6-9

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“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts; And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.”

The Lord is faithful to richly reward those who give generously into the Kingdom.

Jesus said in Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you: a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (NKJV).

“The generous soul will be made rich (fat), and he who waters will also be watered himself” (Proverbs 11:25, NKJV, parenthesis added).

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Intercessory Meetings

The final intercessory meetings for the year will be held on Tuesday, 4th of December, 2007 at 10:30am, 64 Hampden Road, Wentworthville and also, 7:30pm at the Toongabbie Community Centre.

The Intercessory Meetings will resume on Tuesday, 8th of January, 2008; same times and venues as above.

Weekly Meeting

The last weekly meeting for the year will be held on Friday the 7th of December, 2007 at the Toongabbie Community Centre, 244 Toongabbie Road, Toongabbie at 7:30pm.

Christmas Party

The Ministry Christmas Party will be held on Friday the 14th of December, 2007 at the Toongabbie Community Centre, George Mephram Hall at 7:30pm.
Admission free. Family and friends welcome.

New Year's Eve

A special meeting of prayer and praise will be held on New Year's Eve to give thanks for the year that has passed and to pray in the New Year. The meeting will commence at 9:30pm, Monday the 31st of December, 2007 and will continue till 11pm when we will conclude the meeting, have supper and see in the New Year. The meeting will be held at 64 Hampden Road Wentworthville. For more details, please contact us on 96364172.

Weekly Meetings 2008

The weekly meetings will resume on Friday the 4th of January commencing 7:30pm and also Sunday the 6th January 2008 commencing 5:00pm at the Toongabbie Community Centre.

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Happy and Holy Christmas
and a Blessed New Year
2007/2008*

“For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given; and
the government will be upon
His shoulder. And His name
will be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace. Of the increase of
His government and peace
there will be no end. Upon
the throne of David and over
His kingdom, to order it and
establish it with judgment
and justice, from that time
forward, even forever. The
zeal of the Lord of hosts will
perform this.”
Isaiah 9:6-7

“And behold, you will
conceive in your womb
and bring forth a Son,
and shall call His name
Jesus. He will be great
and will be called the
Son of the Highest; and
the Lord God will give
Him the throne of His
father David. And He will
reign over the house of
Jacob forever, and of His
kingdom there will be
no end.”
Luke 1:31-33



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