

The Way Through

The following is an extract of "From Faith to Faith" Daily Devotional for December 7th by Kenneth Copeland obtained from their website (<http://www.kcm.org>)

"Things in this old world aren't getting any better, and in recent times, the Holy Spirit has been speaking an urgent message to my heart. He's been saying, "Press in. Draw into a more intimate relationship with your heavenly Father. If you don't, you won't make it. If you do, you will see more glorious outpourings of God than you can imagine."

That message isn't just for me. It's also for you--and for every other believer on the earth today. We are in the last of the last days of this age. Jesus is coming soon. It's an exciting time, but it's also a dangerous time. Those who don't do what the Spirit says, who don't press into the Lord, are going to go from disaster to disaster. But those who do will defeat the disasters and turn them into glory, in Jesus' Name!

Your first step in drawing closer to God is to realize that you know God first in His Word. Time spent meditating in the New Testament is time spent with Jesus.

Most people don't realize that. So, instead of getting to know the Lord through His Word, they try to know Him through their feelings and that just won't work.

Letting the Word dominate your thinking is to allow the Holy Spirit to have control over your mind. As you do that, your feelings will eventually fall in line.

Remember this: John 1 tells us that Jesus is the Word. That means, when you spend time in it, you're spending time with Jesus. When His Word is dwelling in you richly, then Jesus is dwelling in you richly too!

Don't go from disaster to disaster. Take those disasters and turn them into glory, in Jesus' Name. Press into Jesus. Press into the Word and you'll make it through these dangerous days just fine!

God is an awesome God. When I read this devotional today, it confirmed what God was saying to me. I was meditating for a couple of days on God's words to Joshua : Joshua 1:1-9 (The Message) 1-9 After the death of Moses the servant of GOD, GOD spoke to Joshua, Moses' assistant:

"Moses my servant is dead. Get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country I'm giving to the People of Israel. I'm giving you every square inch of the land you set your foot on—just as I promised Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon east to the Great River, the Euphrates River—all the Hittite country—and then west to the Great Sea. It's all yours. All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Strength! Courage! You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. GOD, your God, is with you every step you take."

The children of Israel had reached the end of their wanderings in the desert. All the old generation that had left Egypt were dead except Joshua and Caleb – the only two of the spies who had taken God at His word in spite of what they saw.(Numbers 14:37-39)

Joshua, like Moses had a deep relationship with God – he was not only Moses' servant, he also spent much time in the presence of God. (Exodus 33:11 The Message) *"And God spoke with Moses face-to-face, as neighbors speak to one another. When he would return to the camp, his attendant, the young man Joshua, stayed—he didn't leave the Tent."*

Here we are at the end of another year. 2009 will shortly be opening its doors to the world.

What a world!

Around us we see chaos in politics, economics, social structures as well as the Church!

We see the Church that should be leading everyone else compromising, espousing individuals and organizations that promote homosexuality and abortion and many other things that are unscriptural.

We see a Church divided.

This is what God spoke about in the parable of the wheat and the tares. (Tares are a grass that closely resembles wheat.) They were both growing in the same field, but the devil sowed the tares and corrupted the field (the Church). The husbandman said to let them grow together, but at the time of reaping there will be a separation.

Here is where the Church is – the time of separation.

Throughout the earth we see seekers of the true Gospel leaving established churches to discover the truth. God is taking His Church out of "the church".

He is preparing and adorning the Bride for the Groom.

Oh what a time this is! On the one hand we will see the glorious Church, walking in the true Gospel – the Gospel of Righteousness, performing the works of Jesus – signs and wonders and miracles, walking in the full blessing of God – when the world suffers economically, the true Church will be prospering.

On the other hand the world (and borderline Christians) will continue on its downward spiral into chaos and darkness!

Which side will you be on?

Will you be classified as wheat or tares?

I urge you as a born-again believer to become a disciple – be willing and obedient.

To overcome in these times, we must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness – He will do the rest. We must be willing to become all that God wants us to be. We must be obedient to His Word in every arena of our lives. We must be committed to Him and the call He has given to us. This demands putting God and His agenda first. This demands walking in holiness.

To be victorious in these times we must spend time in God's presence and in His Word. We must ask God to baptize us in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues so that we can communicate directly to Him and gain strength and revelation to take us through.

I leave you with these words from God to Joshua:

... , I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Strength! Courage! ... Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses (JESUS) commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. GOD, your God, is with you every step you take."

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tremendous persecution by the Hindus - pray the Lord of the Harvest that the Hindus will come to the saving Knowledge of Jesus.

Pray also for Pakistan and the situation there as well as China and Jos, Nigeria, where the Muslims want to eradicate Christianity.

Pray for the Christian media in Chiapas, Mexico that is in danger of being closed down by the secular media.