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Hi Partners and Friends

The Lord is Good to us!

We pray for each of you every day and are excited about what He is doing and working on for each of our lives.

According to Jer. 29:11 (combining a few translations) He already knows His thoughts and plans for our lives. The thoughts and plans that He has thought and planned for each of us are for our peace, welfare, prosperity and success. Not of evil or of harm but to give us an expected end and a hopeful future.

This morning as I was praying I was excited and encouraged by the word for this year - God loves me and every thing is going to be all right.

*This will keep us in faith and rest if we choose to believe it and expect it. He loves us and because we believe it every **THING** about our lives is going to be **ALL RIGHT**. His will for us is that **NO** thing be wrong but every thing be all **RIGHT**.*

*The wonderful part of this is that it is not just His will and plan for us but He has provided **EVERY THING** for us through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and revealed it to us in His amazing Word.*

This is our year of great grace and we receive it by grace through faith.

We love you & God Bless
Jeff & Audrey



Proclaiming the Word of Faith unto Soteria - Rom. 10:8-13

RULING AND REIGNING

A while ago while I was praying in the morning I read a verse and the Lord began to share and encourage and stir me up about the wonder of His love and grace. I want to share this with you and believe you will be encouraged and stirred up by it also.

The scripture I was reading was Romans 5 verse 17. Some people are allowing death to reign in their lives and others are reigning in life through One Jesus Christ.

For by one man's offence death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ
Rom 5:17

The Amplified Version says it this way,

*For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the **free** gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign **as kings** in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

As I read this verse a few points jumped out at me. I thought about this one man's offence or sin and the result being that death began to reign. Rom. 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. Wages are something we work for or earn. Therefore the result of sin is death. The Holy Spirit in Deut. 30:19 reveals that God has set before each of us life and death, blessing and cursing and then as in an open book test He gives us the answer. The clue to success or our enjoying life and blessing in every area of our lives is to choose life. Choosing life is to choose God's way of doing things and God's way of doing things that never fails is love. The opposite of love is selfishness and as we choose selfishness we work sin in our lives and earn the wage or result of sin which is death and the curse. Through Adam's sin death began to reign in humanity and as we sin we reap the wage of death and the curse. Death is the absence of life and the curse is the absence of the blessing. There is nothing good about death and the curse but there is only good in life and the blessing. Bondage, fear, death, sickness, poverty, lack, confusion, heart ache, torment, heaviness and so on are all fruit of death and the curse. Life and blessing bring with it health, healing, joy, love, prosperity, wealth and

riches, abundance, strength, confidence, freedom, liberty, peace, rest, deliverance, victory, fulfillment, growth and so on.

So as we have seen the wages of sin is death but here is the good news - the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom 6:23.) Death and all it contains is earned by sinning but eternal life is a gift from God. Eternal life, everlasting life, the abundant life and living are translated from the Greek word *Zoe* used here in this verse. *Zoe* is the God kind of life. That's why it is eternal, abundant and manifests as the blessing in our life. As we look at the Amplified version of Rom. 5:17 notice it talks about a free gift. A gift is free because we do not work for or earn it. We don't work for eternal life or earn righteousness - they are a gift given to us by God. They also are not something that God owes us or that we deserve. I have said this before but it is worth saying again - we don't want what we deserve. If we got what we deserved we would be broke, sick, alone, miserable, die young and go to hell. We don't want what we deserve because of sin but what God's grace has provided for us. The abundant life and blessing are a free gift given to us by the grace of God and received by faith. By the abundance and overflowing of His grace it is given to us. We then receive it by faith and by grace He manifests or causes it to operate in our lives.

So what we have covered so far is that by sin death was released into the world and into our lives. Jesus provided deliverance from sin and its wages and gave us eternal life resulting in the blessing in every area of our lives. It is by receiving this abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness that we are authorized to rule and reign in life through Jesus. Here is an exciting truth - we have been given the choice of death ruling and reigning in our lives through sin or our ruling and reigning in our lives through Jesus. If we don't take our place to rule in Christ death will automatically have its way.

Even when we were dead in trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus Eph 2:5-6

Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places Eph 1:20 NKJV

We rule and reign through One, Jesus Christ as we take our place, seated with Him, in the heavenlies at the Father's right hand. Jesus told us in both Matt. 16:19 and Matt. 18:18 that whatever we bind on

earth will be bound in the heavenlies and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in the heavenlies also.

We must use our God given weapons that are not carnal (2 Cor 10:4) and rule and reign in our lives, families, marriages, bodies, finances, the weather that affects us (we are constantly taking authority over the devil and any harm and destruction in the weather around us - commanding it to break up and dissipate and cease in the Name of Jesus) and it has to obey us (and it does). That is ruling and reigning as a king in life through Jesus. We decree God's will be done in our lives as it is in heaven.

Someone might say "yah but I don't know the will of God. It is mysterious and you never know what God is going to do...." Of course we can - His will is His Word. His will is life and blessing and only good and He sent us the Holy Spirit to show us things to come (John 16:13-15 and 1 Cor 2:10-16).

In James 1:17 the Holy Spirit tells us that every GOOD gift and every PERFECT gift is from above and comes from our loving heavenly Father. We must take the Word of God and find out the will of God and then we lay hold of it for ourselves. God is not holding it back from us - He is not our problem. It is the devil and our lack of knowledge of the will/Word of God that is our problem. When we find out the will of God from the Word of God for our lives we must do what He told the children of Israel regarding the Promised Land - go possess it for I have given it to you. Again if we are not going to rule and reign in our lives and take or possess the life and blessing that God has given us death will rule and we will automatically settle for the curse and be like everyone else around us.

I encourage you not to allow death to reign in any area of your life but to take your God given place at His right hand to rule and reign as a king through One Jesus Christ.

Audrey's Faith Tidbit

Have you ever asked yourself “who do I believe?” Do I believe God? Do I believe mankind? Do I believe myself? Paul said in Acts 27:25 “Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.”

That verse brings a bubble of joy up from the inside of me! That verse is just as applicable to you and me as it was to Paul. I know we have all been guilty of not believing God but we sure don't have to stay there. It is good to remind ourselves and tell ourselves “I believe God.” It doesn't matter what the circumstances say or what the people say, do you believe God? Whatever promises you are standing for – do you believe God?

What has God told you? God told Paul there would not be any loss of life from the shipwreck that was about to happen. Paul's choice was to believe the Word he had been given. He didn't have to believe it. We might have had a different story if Paul chose to not believe and therefore agree with God.

We have a choice every day to believe God or believe the world. Say on purpose that you believe God. Develop your belief in God and His ability to deliver His promises to you. You will be strengthened and encouraged and you will drive fear away. As your belief gets stronger, your ability to receive will be deepened. Apply this to each area you are working on. Just because it is strong in one area does not mean it automatically transfers to other areas in your life. Some people are really strong in receiving their healing, yet have a hard time receiving finances or vice versa. We must apply this principle to every area in our lives.

So ask yourself, “Who do I believe?” Become stronger in your belief about God performing His Word in your life. Feel that joy that rises up when you express your belief in God's ability.

“CLOCKING IN”

When I say “clocking in” it is a phrase a friend of mine came up with and it has stuck. At some jobs they have time clocks and punch cards and you stick your punch card in the time clock and the time is punched on the card. This way the employer knows what to pay you based on you’re in and out times at work. So this is what we do spiritually each morning as we take our place at the Father’s right hand to co-labor with Him regarding our day.

Pages 27-31 of John A. MacMillan’s book “The Authority of the Believer” are the format we use in our clocking in. Here is a brief overview of those pages and this is what I read out loud most mornings as I clock in.

I do believe that God “has quickened us together with Christ and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” Eph2:5-6 and my reaction is a fervent,

“Lord, I accept Your gracious Word. I believe that You have accomplished it for me. In humble faith I do now take my seat in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus at Your right hand. Teach me how to fulfill this sacred ministry, how to exercise the authority which You have entrusted to me. Train me day by day that I may attain to the full stature of the perfect man in Christ, so that in me Your purpose of the ages may be fulfilled. Amen.”

As I walk in the Spirit, my normal life is in the heavenlies. To secure the consciousness of this I, morning by morning, as one of my first acts of worship, take my seat with Christ and return thanks to God for all that it implies. I often remind myself that I am seated far above all the powers of the air, and that they are in subjection to me. As my faith learns to use the Name and the Authority of Jesus, I shall find the spiritual forces yielding obedience in ways that will surprise me. As I continue to abide closely in Him, my prayers for the advancement of the kingdom will become less and less the uttering of petitions and will increasingly manifest the exercise of a spiritual authority that recognizes no national boundaries, but fearlessly binds the forces of darkness in any part of the world.

While belief introduces me to my place of the throne power, only HUMILITY will ensure my retaining it.

With profound humility goes the greatest boldness in the Name. True boldness is faith in full manifestation. When God has spoken, to hold back is not humility but unbelief. In the exercise of authority, there is needed a divine courage that fears nothing but God and reaches out strong hands to bind and to restrain all that is contrary to Him, But with

this courage, there must be a continual and close abiding in God, a spirit that is alert to every urge and check from Him and a mind that is steeped in the Word of God.

The only place of safety is the occupation of the seat itself. It is "far above" the enemy and if the believer abides steadfastly by faith in this location, he cannot be touched. To maintain his place against the works of the devil, the believer must be constantly arrayed in the full armor of God.

We take our place at the Father's right hand, In Christ, by faith. I then put on the whole armor of God according to Eph. 6:11 and begin to plead or apply the blood of Jesus over my family, friends and partners for our protection, safety and blessing wherever we are. I also pray for our government and those in authority so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (1 Tim 2:1-4). I then bind the devil and his forces of darkness, in Jesus name, over my family, my marriage, our bodies, our financial affairs and our ministry. Then I loose the ministering angels and speak health and blessing, prosperity and increase over our lives. Then I take authority over the devil and the forces of darkness regarding the weather and any harm, damage or destruction they may be planning where we live and wherever we are.

This is a general format that I use and allow the Holy Spirit to lead as He wills to add to our prayer time together.

Remember if you are not ruling and reigning in your life someone else will. Take your place, in Christ and reign as a King so that the will and plan of God may be fulfilled in your life.



We were blessed to have the opportunity to minister Sept the 1st at Family of Faith Church in Red Deer and it was an awesome service and lives were changed by the Word and power of God.

The altar filled up when I gave the invitation to pray for the sick and they came to receive from Jesus the healer