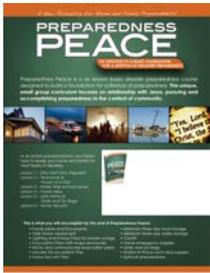


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Wow, what exciting times we are in! Things are changing almost on a daily basis. The Kingdom of God is at hand and events are accelerating at an ever increasing rate. As the Prophet Daniel said, "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men, and knowledge to men of understanding." (Daniel 2:21).



Lisa and I have conducted our first introduction class for disaster relief and it was a great success. We are now the disaster coordinators for Church on the Rock and are making plans for the first set of Preparedness Peace classes! Stay tuned for more information. In other LPE news, we have cancelled both mission trips we had planned for this year. Many times the Word says: Man makes a plan but his steps are ordered by the Lord. Our desire is to be obedient and to further His Kingdom. God has us in a very specific pattern and it is exciting to see him working in so many things around us. We know that there are no coincidences and that all things work

together for those who believe. The events that are unfolding are just a type and shadow of things that have come before and for those yet to come.

As this election approaches, there have been many different and varying opinions on who we all should vote for. Remember the verse in Daniel – God knows all things and will direct events as he sees fit. We all have our part to play in the election process, but God directs each and every thing to match his purposes. So fear not! The ones that are supposed to be in office will be and God's perfect plan will be done. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).



Counselors Corner: Stay, Go — Go, Stay.....

What do you do with the Jimmy Durante days? You know the ones that sing "Have you ever had the feeling that you wanted to go and still had the feeling that you wanted to stay?" These are tough, peace stealing days! We can laugh but it puts us in a miserable holding pattern of indecision that causes a great deal of frustration and agony within our souls.

I am reminded of a 95 year old grandmother who has had the blessing of seeing her great-great grandchildren. She tells stories of long ago about World War II, the depression and the effects it had on her family and how it affected her. She remembers how poor everyone was and in talking with her I could hear the fear within her from the memory of "not having enough". Growing up in that era under those circumstances, she became very independent. Something I believe that God placed within her for strength and encouragement to live, if not to survive. But then later that strength became an independent spirit perverted by the enemy. She is someone who has always known and believed in Jesus but lived by the motto: God only helps those who help themselves! And she will tell you that she never asked God for anything except when her husband became ill. She asked God to heal him and when it didn't happen, the look on her face is the anger she feels toward God for not doing what she asked Him to do. When her husband died it reinforced that independent spirit even more and to her detriment. Making money became her goal in life. Her belief system was reinforced and changed to "I can take care of myself and everything around me", and it birthed a spirit of control and torment, albeit the root of it

still being fear. She has had several dreams, of who could only be God, asking her if she were ready to go home with Him and each time she has told Him no. It has been several years since the last dream and now she is at a place where she is making peace with Jesus but there is still torment even in that. She does not hear or see well anymore and she is physically unstable but still very independent. She will not let anyone in her home and she will not leave. She says that she is ready to go to heaven and does not know why she stays or is still here. She loves her family and is ready to go but wants to stay! Through her we can learn that even though there are some peace stealing days, we always have the choice and must choose to “stay” and seek His kingdom and His righteousness first. (Matt. 6:33). To let Him be our guide and direct our steps to “go” where He is sending us. (Ps.37:23).



Here recently there have been so many changes within our own lives, and though one change has nothing to do with another, there are still a lot of changes being orchestrated by God for our benefit. These changes are happening so fast that keeping up with the goodness of God has proven to be a challenge. These changes came all at once and suddenly to meet the goal of a prayer request we had asked Him for years ago. He is now answering that prayer. It is something that will take time but His timing is perfect.

So live your life on purpose because He is faithful. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is always right there waiting for us to decide whether to “go” in our own strength or to “stay” covered and hidden in Him, as He sends us forth and gives to us the desires of our heart in His appointed time. (Ps. 37:4).

Have a great day and blessings to you,

Dr. B.

Have a blessed day and
We love you all,
Blessings,

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*Father,
Keep our focus on you
Have our eyes set on eternity,
That we be kingdom minded
through the mind of Christ
Amen!*

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