

KINGDOM NEWS

The Kingdom is Yours, the power is Yours and the glory is Yours, forever.... (Matt. 6:13)

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Motto for the year of 2014

Let us be exhorted to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.
(Jude 3 KJV Adapted)

The Chief Cornerstone



I Am Crucified ...

All scripture is KJV paraphrased.

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live. Yet not I, but Christ lives in me. The life which I now live, in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20) This is Paul's testimony.

I, *JoAnn*, am crucified with Christ. Christ was crucified as *JoAnn*, for I am the one for whom the death bell tolled. We both thus having been crucified (He for me, I in Him), He got up. For He was the only One Who could.

I therefore live (because He got up). But it is clear to me that the life that must now be lived; is His (and not mine). For I was (*or I am*) the one who deserved (*and does deserve*) death. And He was (He is) the only One Who could nevertheless live. For it is His life that lives beyond death. My life must cease at death.

And the life that is now made manifest, in me, is His life; lived by the faith that He had in the Father. He believed the Father because He knew Him; He is "of Him."

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God Has Perfect Timing

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We are now in the second month of this New Year. Some of us may say that we "hit the ground running." A lot has gone on since January 1, 2014. Now, we want to take a little time to gage where we are.

God told us this year would be the "Game Changer" season. He plans to bring us into the things He has determined for us. Let's be very clear, God is talking about major changes. What He is doing in our lives will transform our environments completely.

Here is a question. How have you been feeling since the beginning of the year? Have you felt overwhelmed, anxious, hesitant, or a little afraid? Maybe you've been wondering how God plans to do the things He has placed in your heart. Certainly we could say we have experienced a range of emotions and thoughts about how this year will play out.

Well, I have one word for us to ponder....Timing.

We want to remember that everything that has happened since January 1st is an intentional part of God's plan to change our worlds. Yep, He is behind each and every incident, delay, situation, circumstance, push, and all of the changes that have happened.

Now, you may say, "Joyce, you don't even know what has been going on in my world. How can you say God is behind these events?" Ok, this is a fair question. Let's explore it a little deeper (with the help of scripture).

In Proverbs 3:5 & 6 we are admonished by the voice of

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This type of faith goes to the Cross, because He knows the Faithfulness of the Hand that will raise Him. This type of faith takes up its cross and follows in Jesus' footsteps because it knows the Hand that drives the nails.

This faith knows, the Hand that takes the life is the Hand that gives again The Life; His Life. For it is the only life that lives beyond death.

Therefore, I live.

Oh! But this is not the "I" that was crucified. This is the "I" that was resurrected with Him; the "I" that lives its life by the faith of the Faithful, in the Faithful One.

This is my *meditation*, so that this may be my *testimony*.

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wisdom. We are to trust in the Lord with all of our hearts. We are directed not to depend on our understanding, but to defer to God. We are also to acknowledge Him in all that we do and experience. We are told that if we do these things, He will direct our paths.

Hidden in these few verses is a wealth of wisdom that we can apply to each of our personal situations. I'll start by applying them to something going on in my world. Our agency has been waiting to sign a contract that could help us to expand and grow. We thought we would have signed it in December. When that didn't happen, it looked like we would surely sign it in January. This didn't happen either.

There seemed to be countless delays that were beyond our control. We just found out we will sign the contract before the end of February. I must admit this experience was frustrating for me and my staff members. But, God would not allow me to hold on to the frustration.

He reminded me that the delays were included in His plan for us. The reason we've been waiting was not because of the "surface level" issues. Instead, He held the project up because He is a God of timing...perfect timing.

He was putting several pieces in place so that we could be ready when the time came to sign the contract. I can truly say (now) that I understand and agree with His timing. During the delay we have rearranged our space to make room for the demands the new contract will place on us. We've also updated our curriculum and prepared files and forms that will be needed.

In addition to the events that happened at our agency, God also cause a major shift to take place in my personal life during this same time. He caused me to have to move from one community to another community quite unexpectedly.

It is no coincidence that the very week our agency will sign this new contract, I will physically move to a new community. Our Heavenly Father is a God of perfect timing.

My application of Proverbs 3:5 & 6 involves me accepting that God is in control at all times and He carefully handles all of the details of my personal and professional life. I could easily become anxious or fearful when events happen that don't seem to fit my plans. But, when I choose to acknowledge or seek God and trust His plan, my perspective of the situation changes.

Now it's your turn. As you think about the events you are experiencing, how can you allow God to change your perspective from a purely human understanding to a faith-filled focus based on what God is saying through His word and by His Spirit?

As we move further into this Game-Changing season many events will take place. It is our job to allow God to show us how He is orchestrating these events so that everything takes place according to His timing, which is always perfect.

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Be blessed.

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