

Pastor Companions Devotions

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“I’m Gonna Sing in the Middle of the Storm”

In my 58 years of living, I have never experienced a pandemic crisis like I am experiencing today. It has caused so many emotions going through my heart that it is hard to process it all. I hurt for the sick and dying. I hurt for the family members separated from loved ones that have the virus. I hurt for those that are now without jobs and income. I grieve for the loss of the world that I have always known. Things are changing every day—sometimes every hour.

There is no way to process all of this on my own. I have the comfort of my family and take precautions as much as necessary. However, my greatest source of strength is the Lord. That sounds so “religious” and I don’t mean for it to come across as unfeeling. I don’t take lightly the feelings that all of us are going through. God reminds me every day that He is right here with me.

I acknowledge that I need the Lord and I talk to Him all day long. Even with that reassurance, I have found that I must be proactive and put my emotions into positive outlets. For instance, I have cleaned out 6 closets, organized about 6 cabinets, cooked three meals a day (not my favorite outlet!), and assisted my husband daily in keeping our Pastors informed and updated with videos, e-mails and FaceBook posts. Productivity helps me bring some order to this chaotic world!

Busyness is never a complete solution, though. I start each day with talking to the Lord, reading a scripture verse, and listening to music. Most mornings I start with the song from Bethel Music entitled, “Raise a Hallelujah.” It reminds me to sing in the “middle of the storm.” I can’t stop the storm, but I can sure sing in the midst of it! As I sing, the God inside of me rises up and I feel a boldness to withstand anything that I am faced with. On this particular morning, I just let the album play through and it came to a song entitled, “No Longer Slaves.” I am no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God! I realized that I was suppressing my fear and I needed to admit it and stand up against it! I will not allow fear to dictate my existence! The song says, “I am surrounded by the Arms of a Father, I am surrounded by songs of deliverance!”

This is a circumstance I never in my wildest dreams thought I would live through. I can’t deny that I’m living it, so I must face it head on and recognize the power that exists in me through the blood of Jesus! The Children of Israel experienced a life event similar to this. Pharaoh would not let God’s people go and they suffered greatly. God used their plight to show how strong and mighty He was! Before the last plague, God instructed them to cover their door posts with the blood of a spotless lamb to ensure their safety from the death angel visiting their home.

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. Exodus 12:13

God’s voice spoke to me and told me that I need to cover my house in the blood.

I took a bottle of oil and anointed every door and hallway entrance in my house. I covered it in the blood of the perfect spotless Lamb! Everyone that comes through those doors or entrances will also be covered. The God inside of me gives me the authority to speak the power of His anointing over my home and my family AND my Pastor's Companions! You are covered today and every day with the blood of the Lamb.

Fear is an enemy of Peace. I refuse to live in fear. I walk in peace covered in the blood of the Lamb.

Romans 8:35-36 says,

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Our President reminds us every day: "We will win." But even more than that, my Lord reminds me every day that I am a conqueror! This will not be my defeat. This will be a life-changing experience for me that will make me stronger. I am resolute in my decision to find productive ways to reclaim this time in history and make it count!

I am praying for you. As you navigate the days ahead and face challenges you have never encountered, be resolute and confident in your resolve to face it with peace and not fear because you are a conqueror!