

How Peace Can Create a Miracle

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27). These are some of Jesus’ last words to His disciples. He knew what they were going to face in the world.

You, as a child of God, can live in peace in this world, even when there is nothing but confusion and discord in every part of the world. That is why Jesus was constantly saying to the disciples in their last days together, “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you” (John 14:25); “These things I have spoken to you that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11); “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble”(John 16:1); “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace...” (John 16:33).

Do you get the message? It is extremely important to your welfare that you know and understand the words that Jesus spoke while living in this world.

First John 5:4 tells us, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” Your faith in God’s Word brings healing in all areas of your life. Whatever trial you are facing, James 1:2 tells us you will fall into various trials. We are to count it all joy, knowing it is a testing of our faith. Trials are in the world, the natural realm; faith is in the spiritual realm, a spiritual force.

The test for the child of God is: do you believe and trust in God’s Word for deliverance of your trial? If you don’t know the Word of God, you certainly can’t trust and have faith in His Word.

Jesus understood the ways of the world and that, as a child of God, we have to learn to navigate the hurt, heartache and disappointment of the world. When you are born again, you are complete in Him and conversion gives you the ability to “see.”

John 3:3 tells us, “...Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” As a child of God, your spirit is born again instantly, but your soul and body must be changed by the renewing of your mind, releasing what is in you.

The Christian life is simply renewing and releasing. If your spirit and soul agree, you will experience the life of God. If your soul agrees with your body, it stops the supernatural flow of your spirit and you are dominated by the natural realm.

This gives us an understanding of 3 John 2: “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

The Shunammite Woman: A “Model” of Overcoming

We see a great example in a woman in the Bible in 2 Kings 4:8-37 who walked through the pain of life and overcame her trial. We don’t even know her by name; she is the “Shunammite” woman. She was a notable woman married to an older man and she was barren. She had a desire in her heart to be a mother, and in her culture it was a disgrace to be barren. She suffered great pain and discouragement from this trial in her life. How do I know this? From the answers of her mouth.

One day she perceived that a man walking by her house was a man of God. She invited him and his servant in. She spoke with her husband and asked that they make a small upper room for him so he would have a place to rest on his journey.

One day, Elisha asked her what he could do for her; could he

speak to the king or the commander of the army? Her answer was, "I dwell among my own people" (v. 13). Elisha's servant, Gehazi, told him that her husband was old and that she had no son.

Elisha called for the woman and said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son" (v. 15). Her answer was one that he probably wasn't expecting: "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!" (v. 16). Her answer, "I dwell among my own people," tells us she is happy, she is content and "I don't need recognition." Her next answer says, "I have been through the hurt and heartache of having no son. I have accepted my situation, and I don't want to go through that again!"

I don't know how long Elisha had been walking by her house. Maybe years, maybe all the years she was walking through her trial of trying to understand why she was barren. But we do know that *one day she perceived* the man of God.

I believe she was in a state of peace when she perceived! She had come to the place of trying to work out the details of her life. When we are in anxiety and fear, it stops the flow from our innermost being, our spirit.

In this testimony it states three times, "one day." Your situation can change in one day! You must guard your heart and pursue peace. God brought her answer to her door. The day she perceived this was a man of God was the day her miracle began!

As we read this testimony, we see her son, who had been promised to her, died! Her faith in God was tested, and we know that she overcame because her heart was established and her mind was in peace! Isaiah 26:3 tells us, 'You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.' *Peace is linked to the way you think!*

Your lack of peace is not because of the trial you are walking through or because of a person who you feel is making your

life miserable; the problem is that you have allowed your mind to be dominated by what you can see, taste, hear, smell and feel by hashing over and over in your mind different scenarios and possible outcomes. All the while, God's peace has been present in your spirit, but it has been shut out by the turmoil of your mind.

You must renew your mind and release what is on the inside and let His peace flow!

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