

Reigning from Peace

I. How Much More?

3John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in **all** things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

A. What Do We Do?

Prov 15:15 **All** the days of the **afflicted** are **evil**,
but the **cheerful of heart** has a **continual feast**.

Our Challenge: *Find the FEAST. OVERFLOW*

Romans 5:17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, **much more** will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness **reign in life** through the one man Jesus Christ. **NIV** how much more

B. The Challenges of this Season

TROUBLES *"It may look like I'm surrounded..."*

COVID Lockdown Deaths Economy

(George Floyd massive grief and peaceful protests for social justice, equality and righteousness

Riots Anarchy Marxist Revolutionaries

CHURCH Open its eyes and raise its voice.

Chosen for this moment... Nothing Happens by accident

What appears chaotic is part of your eternal purpose

Live in FAITH. Abide in LOVE.

KAIROS designed to reveal WHO is in us.

II. Seeing and Not Seeing.

A. Elisha and Two Kings

2 Kings 6:8 Once when the **king of Syria (Ben-Hadad)** was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." 9 But the **man of God** sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there." 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place... so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

King of Syria – a traitor? No, Elisha in Dothan

14 So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

SEEING ABUNDANCE

15 When **the servant of the man of God** rose early in the morning and went out, behold, **an army with horses and chariots was all around the city.** And the servant said, "Alas, my master! **What shall we do?"** 16 He said, "**Do not be afraid,** for those who are **with us** are **more** than those who are **with them.**" 17 Then Elisha **prayed** and said, "O Lord, please **open his eyes that he may see.**" So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, **the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.** 18 And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha **prayed** to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with **blindness.**" So he struck them with blindness **in accordance with the prayer of Elisha.**

SEEING AN UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY

19 And Elisha **said to them,** "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria. (**12 miles**)

20 As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha **said,** "O Lord, **open the eyes of these men, that they may see.**" So the

Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

DEALING WITH PANIC (STINKING THINKING)

21 As soon as the **king of Israel (Joram)** saw them, he said to Elisha, “My father, **shall I** strike them down? **Shall I** strike them down?” 22 He answered, “**You shall not** strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? **Set bread and water before them**, that they may eat and drink and go to their master.”

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

23 So **he prepared for them a great feast**, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And **the Syrians did not come again** on raids into the land of Israel.

DISASTER TO SHALOM Prophetic insight and declaration.

B. Wickedness in High Places; A HIGHER PLACE!

Psalms 2:1 **Why do the nations rage**
and the **peoples plot** in vain?

2 The **kings of the earth** set themselves,
and the **rulers** take counsel together,
against the LORD and against **his Anointed**, saying,

3 “Let us **burst** their bonds apart
and **cast away** their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens **laughs**;
the Lord holds them in **derision**.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, (Rom 1:18)
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 “As for me, I have set **my King**
on Zion, **my holy hill**.”

7 I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are **my Son**;

today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and **I will make** the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

12c Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

ASK! From RELATIONSHIP and PEACE

III. Come Learn Receive Find–

A. WEARY, HEAVY LADEN

Matt 11:28 Come **to me**, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I
will **give you rest**. **[SLIDE 1]**

REST – LOVE **GIVES ITSELF** RECEIVING

Isa 30:15 ... “In returning and **rest** you shall be saved;
in **quietness** and in **trust** shall be your strength.”

WALKING LEARNING TRANSFORMATION FINDING

29 Take my yoke upon you, and **learn** from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will **find rest** for your souls. STEWARD

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

IV. PRAYING FROM PEACE; VOTING FOR LIFE

A. Our Free Response - Return to the State of Joy

Hope —> Joy.

Anger — Frustration —> CONTEMPT (beneath consideration)

RETURN TO LOVE — FULL SHARING

1 Jn 4:16 So we have come to know and to believe the love
that God has for us. God is love, and whoever **abides** in
love **abides** in God, and God **abides** in him. **17 By this** is
love perfected with us, so that we may have **confidence for**

the day of judgment, because **as he is** so also are we in this world.

18 There is **no fear in love**, but **perfect love casts out fear**. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. **NO ROOM FOR FEAR.** [SL 2]

19 We love because he first loved us. [SL 3]

B. What Shall We Say?

To bad news?

Ro 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, **how will he not** also with him graciously give us all things?

To being dissed, cursed, called names?

34 Who is to **condemn**? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. [SL 4]

To feeling abandoned?

35 Who shall **separate us from the love** of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or **persecution**, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

To being mistreated?

36 As it is written,
“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

DECLARE and DECREE

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[SL 5]38 For **I am sure** that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation**, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NOVEMBER — President & VP (Policies)

435 Representatives; 33 Senators

7,383 State Legislators

87,000 State and Local governments — 511,000 offices

SHOUT in the DARK

PRAY from PEACE AND VOTE from Wisdom!!!

ASSIGNMENT – PRAY W SOMEONE. Gather in homes.

National Healing and Renewal

Racism will be replaced by Righteousness

Anger replaced with Steadfast Love

Contempt with HOPE