

Passover to Pentecost (Fri. May 29)

From Emergency to Emergence

I. Intro – Proud of you all. Purpose of testimony. Ways to serve!

This season Lots of emotional ups and downs. A little hope, then no hope. Many are ***Feeling Anxious and Vulnerable.***

Abandonment and Isolation

II. In Emergency – DETOX—> Recover

John 14:1 “**Let not your hearts be troubled.** Believe in God; believe also in me. (SELF CONTROL; FAITH)

Yet a little while; where I am going, you cannot come. (13:33)

New commandment; by this all people will know (34-35)

2 In my **Father’s house** are **many rooms**. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to **prepare a place** for you? (DWELLING PLACES; ASSIGNMENTS)

3 And if I go and **prepare a place** for you, ***I will come again*** and will take you to myself, that **where I am you may be also**.

Pentecost (Shavuot) or Parousia?

4 And you know **the way** to where I am going.” (Propitiation)

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “**I am the way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.

(religious pluralism, exclusive claims narrow, intolerant, ironic that pl. the dogma by which all truth claims are judged)

7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

9 Jesus said to him, ... Whoever has **seen me** has **seen the Father**.
How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

RECOVERY

- 10 Do you not **believe** that **I am in the Father** and the **Father is in me**? 11 **Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me**, or else **believe** on account of **the works** themselves.
- 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **believes in me** will also **do the works** that I do; and **greater works** than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.
- (Not 2nd place! He works **with** us to glorify the Father)
- 13 *Whatever* you ask **in my name**, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me *anything in my name*, I will do it.

MANIFESTATION

III. Emergence – (This is a season of contending)

A. Prayer and the Holy Spirit (Pentecost- New Beginning)

- 15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (worship)
- 16 And **I will ask the Father**, and **he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever**, 17 ... the **Spirit of truth**, ... You know him, for **he dwells with you** and **will be in you**.
- 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; **I will come to you**.
- 20 **In that day (Pentecost)** you **will know** that **I am in my Father**, and **you in me**, and **I in you**. 21 Whoever **has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me**.
- 22 Judas (not Iscariot), "Lord, **how** is it that you will **manifest yourself to us**, and **not to the world**?"
- 23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone **loves me**, he will **keep my word**, and my Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him**. (Holiness **the Temple**)
- 26 **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send **in my name**, he will teach you all things ...

27 **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.** Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your hearts be troubled**, neither let them be afraid.

John 15: **True Vine**, Father is the Vinedresser. **Abide** in me.

John 16:33 I have said these things ... that **in me you may have peace**. In the world **you will have tribulation**. But take heart; **I have overcome** the world." This is the Victory = our faith

This is the Emergence! The fruit will come.

B. House of Prayer — many rooms, prepared place

- Come to him, be built into the spiritual temple, a priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices 1 Peter 2:1-5

1 Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for **kings** and **all** who are **in high positions**,* that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting **holy** hands without **anger** or **quarreling**; (opinions)

Mt 5:44 But I say to you, **Love** your enemies and **pray** for those who persecute you,

Luke 6:35 But **love** your enemies, and **do good**, and **lend**, expecting nothing in return, and **your reward will be great**, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. **For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.**

IV. Application Respond in Faith

COUNT IT ALL JOY!

Ja 1:2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, **that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**

ASK FOR WISDOM! (Anything in my name)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED.

GIVE THANKS, PRAISE, BLESS.

Release Joy & Thankfulness, Hope, Wisdom

Enter his gates with thanksgiving! courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name! Pray in the Spirit.

Ask for creative wisdom

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.