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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,



I have been looking forward to being able to write you all myself. Mary did a great job of accurately describing what happened with my heart and what I am required to do to regain strength. She (as usual) has been a constant source of love, strength, and wisdom for me as she and I move ahead. I am regaining strength every day. This means I feel a lot better than I am, and want to get back to full steam faster than I am supposed to. So my days begin very early (because that's when I am most energized) and end a lot earlier. I will not take on personal ministry to people for the next few months, because that seems to be the source of the stress that brought on the heart attack. I am writing, focusing on *Nightlight* as well as new in-depth teachings, and spending as much time as I can with the Lord and family.



But you are also family! There is no way to express to you how much your various notes, cards, e-mails, financial support, and most of all, prayers, have meant to us. That is always true of you. But at this special time you have been especially supportive. I only wish I could speak to each one of you (you know who you are). We read EVERY message, and take to heart every individual expression of love and care. So until I can do better than in a newsletter, please take seriously our THANK YOU to you personally. We love you!

For the first time in 30 years there is no August conference this year. We are not prepared to tell you what that means for next year. But for the past few years I have said to Mary and the team before the conference, "This may be the last conference." My reason for such a statement has never been

because I am tired or wearing out or disinterested. On the contrary, at the end of each conference I would also say to Mary and the team, “Maybe we could try to add another conference or two next year.” My reason for saying that was my strong awareness that we never get finished. We never have enough time. And one conference a year seems like a drop in a bucket. But three conferences would then only be like 3 drops in a bucket. (I know the Holy Spirit multiplies the drops into an ocean each time, but you know what I mean.)

My reason for saying these contradictory statements is the awareness that because we need to do more we may have to do less. The future flow of ministry may only come from ceasing to do things the way they have always been done and listening for new directions. I have a (good?) fear of just doing the same thing because that’s the way we have done it before. That thinking is the death of all kinds of ministries. What is the Holy Spirit wanting to do? As for me, He is wanting me to get still, come apart to Him, rest in His love, listen, and receive new orders. Until I have done that, I have nothing more to tell you.

But I will close by saying this. You and I are spiritual family members, joined together in the *Nightlight* community. We are not a scattered disjointed mob of individuals who give a listen once a month to a bible lesson. You are serious disciples who seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in all areas of your lives, and desire to live loved and loving. It may be time for us all to consider how we are to better steward the deposit of treasure the Holy Spirit has placed in us all. We long to do the word, not just hear it. I’m sure we are doing all we can so far. But I believe (starting with me) that is about to change in a way that gives greater action to the truth we know, and how we love others to Him.

So let us keep our eyes on the prize. We are closer to the coming of the King than when we first believed. Where sin abounds (and it sure is) GRACE MUCH MORE ABOUND. We are on the verge of a great harvest. Be encouraged! God is not ignoring your cries. He is not hiding. He is with you in your wondering and struggling, and that has a purpose. Like a baby bird developing wings in the cracking of the outer shell, our wings are about to be freed!



Upcoming Elections

We are about to enter the political season for the 2020 presidential race. We are not merely going through the civil motions of the normal national practice of electing a president. Those days are way behind us. We are battling forces that are fully set on destroying the family, the church, and the republic. You know me well enough to know I am not waving a partisan flag. I have strong resistance to many Republican stances. But there is no controversy about what the Democratic Party has come to stand for. They are for all that godly wisdom is against. But we also know there is no political answer, even if the Democrats are defeated. Hilary Clinton was not elected because of the mercy of Almighty God. I don't know if that mercy is still extended to us or not. As a nation we are still amazingly arrogant, willful, lustful, and greedy. But there are many who have humbled themselves and are crying out to God. Let us not be flippant or presumptuous about the coming days. Stay alert. Stay in prayer. Ask God to give us leaders who will seek to do His will.



Closing Thoughts...



If we allow our focus to become end times scenarios, we can easily end up with a huge and ever growing list of dark events in our minds. Those events may (or may not) be evidence of the last days, but they will certainly not strengthen or encourage us to move forward in love, joy, and peace. We need to focus on the coming Kingdom of God, and dwell on the truth that it is not only coming but is now already among and in us. Wherever we are, we bring the Kingdom into whatever scenario we happen to be in to grow in love, joy, and peace. Let the end times truths be what they are: secondary events leading up to the coming of the King. They are not nearly as important as the glorious truth that the KING HAS COME AND IS WITH US NOW. Keep your eyes on Him!

Living Loved, Clay & Mary



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