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From Bishop Harry Westcott & Rev Jeffrey Evans

FAITH TO SEE BEYOND YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

....And the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”.... 2 Kings 6:15

One of the greatest ploys the enemy has in his arsenal, to isolate and destroy our faith, is that of surrounding us with a myriad of overwhelming situations that are far too big for us to deal with or rationalise our way through them. Now we know that, *“at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* (Phil 2:10-11) We know that God is for us and not against us, we know that He is faithful, we know that He will never leave us or forsake us - yet we so often end up like the servant – *“Alas, my master!”*

When we take our eyes off Jesus all we will see is problems, adversity, negative circumstances, obstacles – or just plain insurmountable problems! That is why this weapon of the enemy is so effective. Not because he can defeat us with the circumstances we face – but because it causes us to take our eyes off Jesus and disconnects us from His Strength, wisdom, power, mercy, grace and joy.

The easiest way to determine whether you have taken your eyes off your Saviour is by listening to what is coming out of your mouth. When circumstances have overwhelmed you all you will hear is problems, negativity, depression, despondency, complaints, justification and rationalisation. You won't mean to, but all your conversations will always come back to the problems. Now the opposite happens when your eyes are fixed on Jesus! You will be talking about the answer, seeing the solution! Your conversations will be full of thanksgiving, expectancy, joy, peace and contentment because you know that your Lord and Saviour is in total control. Instead of looking at the disasters about to befall you, you can see the good that can come from the circumstances. Things like growth, maturity, blessing, challenged and changed lives around you, and a stronger relationship with your Lord. Like Joseph you will be able to say *“but as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”* (Gen 50:20) Instead of allowing the enemy to overwhelm you, you turn his plots around and use them to advance the Kingdom instead! Hallelujah!!

So today if you find yourself *alas...ing* and asking the question *“what shall we do?”* Then purpose in your heart, stand determined in your faith and lean on the Master's grace, confident that His purposes for your life are good. Pray that the Lord would open your eyes to see the work of the Kingdom and the armies of angels that He has protecting you. *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is*

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common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it". (1 Cor 10:13)

God always has a way of escape for you! And He will never let you be pushed beyond what you are able by His grace to handle – So take heart and shake off the shackles of circumstantial subjectivity. Let your eyes seek out the Saviour and see with eyes of faith the answers and not the problems.

May heavy hearts be lifted up as your eyes focus again on the Prince of Peace!

Jeff

Camp Meeting 2007

29 September - 4 October 2007

Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa: Dr TL Osborne often refers to Bishop Margaret as “The Queen of Africa” and when we observe her life and leadership of over 3500 churches, Bible Schools, Hospitals, Day Schools, and University and the influence she exerts through them to change her nation of Nigeria into a God honoring nation, one can only admire her amazing spiritual leadership and wisdom. Her late husband (Archbishop Benson Idahosa) who pioneered the growth of the Gospel in Revival power throughout West Africa before his sudden death in 1998 said of his wife Margaret, “My shoes are too small for my wife”. With those words the great Archbishop effectively anointed Margaret as his successor. The College of Bishops then consecrated Margaret a Bishop following his funeral. Bishop Margaret is our special guest for Camp Meeting 2007.



Along with Bishop Margaret we are also delighted to have **Lawson & Lesley Spiller** with us once again. Lawson brought a real gift of joy to the Camp last year and we are looking forward to having them both with us at Camp 2007. Lawson & Lesley reside in the UK with their 3 children. Lawson has just completed a new CD of anointed songs called “Masterpiece”.

Mark The Dates In Your Diary Now!

Start Planning Now to be with us at Mamre – It will Change your Life!

HARRY'S WORD

“WE REAP WHAT WE SOW”.

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.....Share each others troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody” (Gal: 6; 1-3 LB).

Pride is our biggest thief when we consider ourselves either too important to reach out to others in need, or too important to accept the love, help and support of fellow believers who desire to lift us up in the Name of Jesus. A farmer's wife on a recent ABC Compass programme said **“the biggest problem our men have is they are so p-r-o-u-d”!** She wouldn't say the word, but several times kept spelling it. God has seen fit to place us among these typically p-r-o-u-d farming men, and I want you to pray that our July time with Peter Daniels (see below), will wonderfully inspire not only farming families, but all who need a Holy Spirit injection of **SELF WORTH IN CHRIST JESUS!**

INTRODUCING PETER J DANIELS

Peter Daniels would have been considered a prime candidate for a dull, meaningless and unfulfilled life. He came from a broken home, failed at school, failed in business and was plagued by illiteracy and low self esteem. His junior High School teacher, Miss Phillips, told him he would never amount to anything. The bank manager warned he would never make it in real estate. A Parliamentarian told him he would never be able to speak in public.

But Peter Daniels proved them all wrong; for the last thirty years he has continued to confound the skeptics. He has succeeded in real estate and as an author. He has become one of the most sought after public speakers in the world today.

His mini schools on how to be successful as an entrepreneur span the world. He has been honoured by governments, institutions and businesses in many countries. Peter Daniels is a committed Christian, an Ambassador for life Worldwide with Youth For Christ, and a list as long as your arm of leadership achievements and honours throughout the world. Over the past twenty years he has conducted nearly one thousand business seminars in Christian Churches globally. Dr Robert H Schuller of “Hour of Power” where Peter was a Director for 19 years, describes the books written by him as those which will **“increase your self worth”**.

There is no registration fee, however accommodation is each ones responsibility. Those with caravans, tents, etc, are most welcome to use the facilities (showers, toilets etc) at Mamre Farm. Call our Office if you desire a Motel/B&B listing for Parkes and Peak Hill.

To register, we really need to know you are coming, phone; 02 6865 3377, fax; 02 6865 3304, email; ymi@gobushmail.com.au web; visionministriesonline.com

I am excited about Peter Daniels visit and it is an honour to host him on your behalf.

In His Grip
+Harry

UPCOMING MINISTRY:

- **Camp Meeting South Australia – 21st to 25th April 2007**

Rev. Graham & Julie Amber are throwing open the gates of “Cherith Brook” at Morgan SA. “Cherith Brook” is beautiful river frontage along the Murray River and an ideal place to hold this Inaugural South Australian Camp Meeting. The “Amber Shack” is where the meetings will be held and there is plenty of room for Caravans and tents. If you need further Information please contact the Vision Ministries office or ring Graham & Julie Amber on: 08 8337 8955

- **Ladies Weekend: 1st 2nd and 3rd of June 2007**

Doreen and Rebecca are planning to host another ladies weekend this year at Mamre. Details of the weekend are currently being worked on – So stay tuned for further information and mark the dates in your Diary now!

FINANCIAL:

“We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints” Col 1:3-4

Thankyou dear friends for the many who felt they where able to support the newsletter with a gift of \$30 or more, we so appreciate you amazing support!

We think of and pray for you always. We pray for you as Paul prayed for the saints at Colosse. Paul never visited Colosse yet he was connected to them through Epaphras and Philemon. Many of you we know personally through years of relationship. Some of you we know only by name and connection, so this letter and prayer from Paul to these saints strengthens us as we pray for you – *that you be filled with all knowledge of His will, wisdom and spiritual understanding. That you are fruitful, walking worthy, increasing in knowledge of God and that you be strengthened with might, power, patience and joy – Hallelujah!*

Thank you for standing with us, for praying for us, and for financially supporting the work of this God ordained Ministry to the nations. We appreciate it so very much.

May you find that every seed sown into Vision Ministries bring God ordained fruit back to your account. As you sow this month may you do so in faith believing that He is faithful! Your gifts make all the difference in allowing us to operate effectively.

Thankful in Christ - Jeff

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