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From Bishop Harry Westcott & Rev Jeffrey Evans

IN CHRIST ALONE!

“Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.” (Habakkuk 3:18)

I love to read the book of Habakkuk, it portrays the journey of the prophet from fear to faith, from doubt to belief, from despondency and despair to hope and worship. This short but encouraging book reveals to us so many of Gods truths in the journey of defeat to victory.

The book of Habakkuk begins with the introductory statement of *“The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw”*. I’m not sure what particular burden you are seeing in your present circumstances but the reality is that many are burdened by so much that is outside of their control whether it be the storms that have lashed the mid north coast or the floods of the Gippsland or the drought that continues in much of regional and rural Australia. To some it may be the impending interest rate rise that might see their mortgage add increased financial pressure to already stretched budgets. What are you focused on? What holds your attention? What do you see? Habakkuk’s burden was based upon what he saw around him and it pushed him to despair. If you allow yourself to be pushed around by what you see, your life will be one of extremes rather than a life of contentment in Christ.

Habakkuk questions God in words of complaint, wrapped in the tone of bitterness, yet God in his mercy answers the complaints of the prophet. How often have we laid our burdens before our Lord? Often I am sure! We must if we are to question the Lord, wait for His Word to come to us – rather than pick up our despair again and cart it along with us. The Word of the Lord will come, and it came to Habakkuk. *“The just shall live by faith.”* (2:4) *“Don’t be burdened by what you see in the natural – live your life by faith in Me. I have a plan and a purpose. See with the eye of faith and be hidden in Me”*. Let your sight be fixed on Christ, for in Christ you will find joy, peace, strength and purpose.



Jeffrey with Bishop Margaret during Camp

Habakkuk found his heart and sight lifted, he may have started in complaint but ended in rejoicing – not because the things around him had changed but because he found himself exulting in the God of his salvation. Let Jesus be your all! If everything around you crumbles in the storms of life, know who hides you in the palm of His hand. In Christ is the fullness of joy. Not joy based upon the things of this world but anchored in our relationship with Christ – hallelujah!

We don’t have the space to break Habakkuk down verse by verse but maybe as you meditate in the text of this passage of scripture you too will see your way past your burdens to a place of rejoicing in the God of your salvation. In Jesus Name – Amen! Jesus alone – is more than enough! *Jeffrey*

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CAMP 2007 REPORT:

What an amazing camp we had this year. Folk gathered with us from across the nation for a week of life transforming ministry. One of the strengths of Camp Meeting is that it ministers to the whole family from the children right through to the adults; this year was certainly no different. Bishop Margaret Idahosa from Benin City, Nigeria along with Bishop Joel Thomas impacted greatly upon all that attended the main rallies and campfire sharing sessions throughout the week.



Bishop Margaret Idahosa



Bishop Joel Thomas

We were also blessed by many other guests and speakers including Lawson & Lesley Spiller from the UK, whose love and friendship mixed with a wonderful gift of ministry added a deep richness to the Camp Meeting. Jackie Davis from USA/NZ also blessed us with Song and testimony; it was wonderful to hear the courageous story of this music evangelist and to have her back at camp after several years. Rev. Esther King, Rev. Dr. John Hoskin, Rev. Graham Amber, Bishop Harry Westcott and Rev. Jeffrey Evans also ministered transforming messages of life.



Rev. Esther King & Bishop Harry



Lawson Spiller



Rev. Dr. John Hoskin

The Children's ministry led by Laurie and Sue Westcott along with Les & Laurel Taprell enjoyed a week of fun and ministry with many lives touched and much seed sown. The Youth led by Clinton Westcott, Steve Perry and Tim Hart along with a group from Dayspring Church encountered afresh the presence of the Lord with many renewing their faith in Jesus.

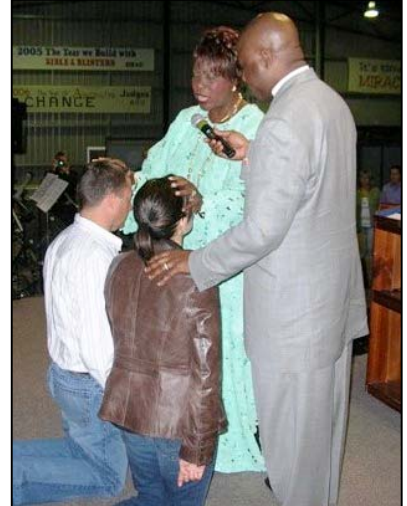


HARRY'S WORD

Two Covenant Events That Have Enriched Our Lives And Ministry Over This Past Month.

First there was the “**Covenant of Ministry Friendship**”. Thirty years ago God knitted Doreen’s and my life in ministry to that of **Benson and Margaret Idahosa** of Benin City Nigeria. In this covenant relationship our lives were turned completely around so that we were no longer satisfied with the ordinary unfulfilling religion of Christian denominationalism. Traditionalism never (in our minds anyway,) seemed to produce signs wonders and miracles which are evidence of living in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Idahosa’s not only taught us this reality of ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit, they demonstrated it right before our eyes and challenged us to grow in Faith and to believe that all things were possible through Christ Jesus.

So what a very special joy it was to have **Bishop Margaret Idahosa** as our special guest here at “Mamre Farm” for Camp Meeting this year. Margaret’s great late husband, Archbishop Benson Idahosa had visited us twice at Mamre Farm before he died, so Margaret’s presence and ministry confirmed the covenant bond between our two families that has continued for three decades. Bishop Margaret’s prayer over **Rev Jeff and Rebecca Evans** sowed the seed that this ministry covenant will continue into the next generation as her son, **Dr Feb Idahosa and his wife Laurie**, are bonded together with them.



Second was the “**Covenant of Family**” as Doreen and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Doreen planned this incredible event to be a **Total Party** with nothing traditional (like speeches) in it whatsoever! Rather, just a night of joyous fun with our family, “Mamre Fellowship” and special friends. What a night it turned out to be, everyone dressed up in “Back to the 50’s Gear”, so sales of Brylcreem went through the roof! We played games (Just like we used to do in the 50’s, the Hoopla contest was most popular!) We danced the “Tennessee Waltz” and ate and drank Soda Pop all night. Doreen and I even arrived in a 1957 Chevy! Our five children **Mark, Elizabeth** (Bishop), **Cathy** (Hoskin), **Jennifer** (Sturm) and **Rebecca** (Evans) performed “**Harry and Doreen, the Musical**” to such tunes as, “Oklahoma”, “Abba”, “Sister Act” and “I Still Call Australia Home”! It was hilarious, then the grand children sang “We will follow you” spiked with much humor.

The huge surprise of the whole event was on the Saturday morning of the party, our daughter **Jennifer Sturm** walked into our kitchen from Texas USA totally unannounced and unexpected. I, (Harry) cried with joy seemingly for hours. It was the first time in four years we’d all been together. FAMILY COVENANT is very special.

In His Grip

+ *Harry*



*Doreen with Jennifer on her way home
to her family in Texas.*



30 members of the Westcott Clan

FINANCIAL:

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” 1 John 5:14-15

How wonderful to know that God hears us! There are no brass ceilings in the kingdom of God when we ask of Him according to His will. Dear friends, keep talking to Jesus, Keep petitioning him because this scripture assures us that we have what we ask of Him.

As a Ministry we would like to say thankyou to the many that sowed into the Ministry over Camp Meeting. So many gave financially – but many also gave of their time and gifts in seeing that all who gathered were given opportunity to encounter God afresh at Mamre. From the cleaning team to the kitchen staff, from the sheriffs to the praise & worship team from the Unit Leaders to the audio/video people, all gave willingly in service to Jesus and the leadership here at vision and we are so thankful.

Thankyou to all who helped us cover the costs of Camp – we are praying that your seed sown will produce much fruit in your own lives. We are praying that each of you will know the depth and breadth of the love of God and encounter the daily richness of relationship with Him. As you sow your seed into this missionary ministry this month, be assured that we are praying for you and believing God’s best for your lives. - Jeffrey



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