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KEYS TO FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGH

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Anyone grounded in the Word of God knows it's God's desire that we prosper in every aspect of our lives—spirit, soul, and body: Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

Religion tries to convince us that to be financially blessed is not godly, oftentimes taking Jesus' words, "*the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head*" (Matthew 8:20) out of context to substantiate this mistaken idea. Jesus may not have gone home to the same house each night yet He was financially responsible for a traveling teaching ministry consisting of Himself and at least twelve other people—one of whom was appointed treasurer of the group's finances (see John 13:29).

God's Word tells us the reason for financial blessing is that we *...may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need, be self-sufficient—possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation* (2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP). God's purpose for prospering us is not solely that our own needs may be met, but that He might use us to be a blessing to others.

If you would say, "Well, Brother Jerry, I believe what God says in His Word and I want Him to use me to bless others, but I'm not yet in the place where I'm furnished in abundance," then I've got some good news for you: your supernatural financial breakthrough is on the way!

Throughout my 48 years of ministry I've had need of a financial breakthrough on numerous occasions—and it always came! Right now, I want to share with you the scriptural keys to financial breakthrough that the Lord revealed to me, saying, "Teach this to my people."

The Lord's Revelation

The three keys the Lord revealed to me are (1) the need for a prophetic word from God, (2) a willingness to obey, and (3) an act of sowing seed.

GOD IS NOT NEED MINDED HE IS SEED MINDED

A prophetic word from God: Before there can be a supernatural breakthrough in your life, particularly in the area of finances, there must first come a word from God. To hear from God, you have to spend time with Him. This means you need to turn off the television, put down the magazine, and schedule time to be in His presence.

What God tells you to do may not be what He would tell me to do. You've got to know the mind of God for your situation. You may remember the first thing God told Elijah to do for the widow woman (who was about to eat the last of her food and die) was speak the prophetic Word: *"Do not fear ... but make me a small cake from it first and bring it to me... For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry...'"* (1 Kings 17:13-14). The prophet's word was going to change her circumstances dramatically. She was about to go from "not enough" to "more than enough"—if she was willing to obey.

A willingness to obey: If God were to use me to give someone a prophetic word for their life, and then they walked away and never obeyed God's instructions, their breakthrough would not come. The prophetic word does not automatically come to pass; it requires obedience from the one to whom it is spoken.

One man said to me, "Brother Jerry, I had someone prophesy over me thirty years ago, and that word never came to pass."

"Well, did you ever do what that word said you needed to do?" I asked.

"No, I figured if it was God, it would just happen."

That isn't the way the prophetic word works! For example, it's the will of God that all men be saved (see 1 Timothy 2:4), yet there are a lot of folks going to hell. Why? Because they are not doing what God says in His Word: *That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved* (Romans 10:9).

If you want *any* word from God to manifest in your life, you must be willing to obey, just as the widow woman did according to the Lord's prophetic word spoken to her by Elijah.

An act of sowing seed: I've never heard of or experienced a financial breakthrough where a significant seed wasn't first sown.

When the widow woman needed food, she first prepared and "sowed" a cake to meet Elijah's need. In the New Testament, Jesus observed another

poor widow putting two mites (about a halfpenny) in the offering and said, *"Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all"* (Luke 21:3). He firmly established the connection between sowing and financial breakthrough when He said, *"Give, and it will be given you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over..."* (Luke 6:38).

Getting a prophetic word from God, and then obeying that word, lays the foundation for the act of sowing seed, which is oftentimes the very act that triggers a financial breakthrough in the life of a believer.

God Is Not "Need Minded"—He Is "Seed Minded"

Throughout the Bible we find that when God's people are "need minded," God is "seed minded." Every time I've ever gone to God about a need, it isn't long before He talks to me about a seed. That's just the way God operates. I remember the time I was preparing to leave for Tulsa late one afternoon to speak at a ministers' conference, when the director of my African office called to tell me we needed literally thousands of dollars to finish a building project—and we needed the money fast.

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IN UNSTABLE TIMES

The instability we're currently experiencing in our society—and throughout the world—is almost unbelievable. Jesus described a time to come when there would be wars and rumors of wars: *“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places”* (Matthew 24:6–7). But He also said, *“See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass* (v. 6).

We see the very things Jesus described being played out before our eyes on the nightly news, along with reports of masses of people who are literally without hope. This is why, as believers, you and I must never take our eyes off of God; He is our only hope.

I'm reminded of the story of Jehoshaphat and the nation of Israel being surrounded by an overwhelming number of enemy forces in what appeared to be a hopeless situation. In the natural, there was no way God's

people could overcome these obstacles and win; there was nothing they could do. However, in the midst of their hopeless situation, Jehoshaphat cried out this prayer to God: *“O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do...”* (2 Chronicles 20:12).

When we pause to compare Jehoshaphat's situation to the circumstances we're facing in our world today, it's easy to see that we too do not have the natural ability to overcome these unstable times. Some expert analysts report that America is headed for another financial crisis and I can tell you right now that neither the Republicans nor the Democrats can fix this. It is not just a financial battle; it's a spiritual battle.

One of the reasons America is in this condition is due to disobedience in the Body of Christ: statistics show that less than 15% of American Christians tithe. You may ask, “What's that got to do with anything, Brother Jerry?” God

spoke through the prophet Malachi saying, *“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation”* (Malachi 3:8–9). But God also said, *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land”* (2 Chronicles 7:14). We can see through these scriptures that when the Body of Christ is not doing what it is supposed to do, not only do its members suffer; the whole nation suffers. Yet God has placed the healing of the land in the hands of His people.

Like Jehoshaphat, we are living in some unusual, strange, and certainly unstable times. But let's look again at Jehoshaphat's prayer and see what else he said: *“For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”* Notice Jehoshaphat said that in the midst of



unstable times and circumstances, his eyes and the eyes of the people were upon God!

We Must Keep Our Eyes on God

We too must keep our eyes on God if we want to remain stable in unstable times. This is just what David did any time he didn't know what to do when facing challenging situations. *Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God...* (Psalm 123:1-2). In the New Testament, the apostle Paul charges believers to look unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith (see Hebrews 12:2).

The reason we are to keep our eyes on God—especially during unstable and changing times—is because there *are* some things that never change: *the things of God!* God never changes; His Word never changes; His kingdom never changes. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Everything around us may change, but God doesn't: *"For I am the LORD, I do not change"* (Malachi 3:6).

The Word of God says, *The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you* (Deuteronomy 33:27). Notice this scripture says "the eternal God," not "the God that was" or "the God that sometimes is." The word *eternal* means "perpetual; never ceasing; without end." That's my God! He never changes and He is my refuge. A refuge is a shelter, a protection from danger or distress. It's a safe place. If God is eternal, then I've got an eternal refuge, an eternal safe place that I can run to.

We can't always depend on what man has built, but we can always depend on our God to remain the same. If He remains the same, then His Word also remains the same. If God never changes, then His Word never changes. God and His Word are one in the same: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was*

God (John 1:1).

No matter what the circumstances are, no matter what CNN or FOX or anyone else says, the Word of the living God will say the same thing morning after morning. The world is screaming "It's the worst of times," but my Bible says, *My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:19). It says, *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). God is more than enough; He is faithful; He is the all-sufficient One who never changes!

God's Word Will Stand Forever

One of my favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 40:8: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.* Do you suppose this is true in a bad economy, a recession, or a financial crisis? You may not be able to identify anything else that will stand in these unstable circumstances, but the Word of our God will stand forever!

I particularly like The Message



translation of this verse, which says God's Word *stands firm forever*. The meaning of the word firm is "unyielding." Our God's Word is unyielding; it will not cave under pressure. People may cave, but His Word doesn't.

Many years ago I learned a valuable lesson from Kenneth Copeland. He said, "Jerry, just learn to let the Word fight its own fight." In other words, I don't have to struggle; rather I'm to stand on the Word, which never changes, and let it fight its own fight. God is a covenant-keeping God who never lies; therefore, if I'm in the Word then His Word has got to fight. And, thank God, His Word never fails!

On the other hand, those who are living in this unstable world and don't know God's Word have no hope in the natural. Their only hope is to learn the Word of God. I know this fact is elementary and basic, but you'd be surprised at the number of Christians who don't know these biblical truths.

My friend, it takes more than just going to church and hearing sermons to be a winner in life. You may forget everything you heard in less than five minutes after leaving the church building. Jesus said, *And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts* (Mark 4:15). All you have to do is have the devil slap you one time with some kind of challenge and, if you're not a doer of

the Word, you'll let go of it.

I've never understood people who want to be winners in life, yet are unwilling to "attend class" (meaning they don't attend church or spend time in the Word). In the natural world, this would equate to someone who desires a college degree yet doesn't like going to class. I know, because that's exactly how I thought at one time in my life: I went to college so that I could play baseball, and they had the audacity to require me to take algebra, psychology, and other classes that had nothing to do with sports. But I showed them—I quit!

Sadly, many Christians have this same attitude about studying the Word of God. They say, "I want to be winner, Brother Jerry—I don't want to be a loser in life." I tell them, "Then come to class and you'll learn how to be a winner through God's Word." But if they choose not to attend class, how can they be taught?

God's Word is eternal; it is our only hope in unstable times like these. I've said many times that I can't imagine what it would be like to live in the world today without knowing Jesus and knowing how to stand on the Word of God. What do people do when they don't have God? They go to bed worried, not knowing what to do. They have no hope, no joy. Rather than living, they merely exist. I was like this once but, thank God, I finally woke up and realized *Dear God, the Word works! All I've got to do is make*

a commitment to be a doer of the Word, and then let the Word fight its own fight.

Our God's Word stands firm, unyielding; it does not cave under pressure. If we dare to stand upon it, the Word will not let us down. I don't know about you, but I'm so glad that some things never change. Put your trust in God and in His Word. After all, God's Word will stand forever!

Trust Only in God

The Lord spoke through the prophet Jeremiah some definitive words concerning the results of our choice in where we place our trust:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is in the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit" (Jeremiah 17:6-8).

Do you truly want to live blessed? Then put your trust in God and in His Word.

I don't know about you, but I certainly

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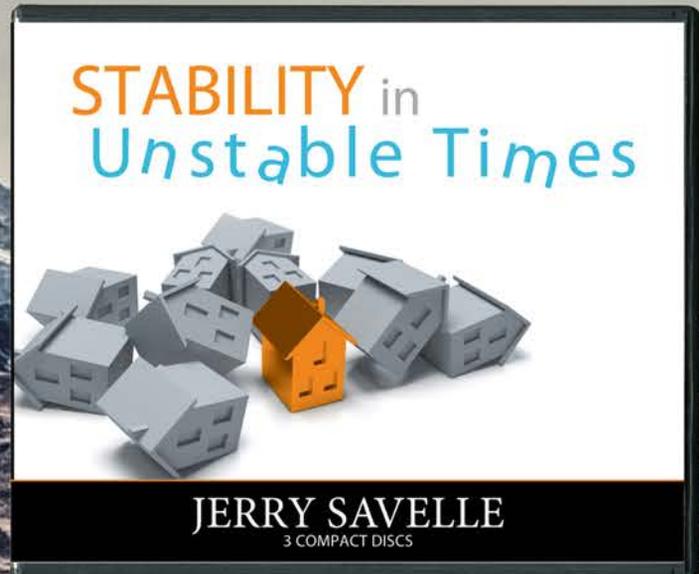


don't want the curse functioning in my life. I like living under the blessing. When you're under the blessing, you prosper when nobody else is prospering; you increase when others are decreasing; you excel when others are going under. Here's how the NIV Bible describes one who places trust in man: *That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes* (Jeremiah 17:6). According to this scripture, it's possible for some people to prosper in the midst of unstable times—but not those who refuse to place their trust in God. How sad it is that although God wants all of His people to enjoy His blessings, some do not simply because they refuse to obey the Word and put their trust in Him.

The Bible says, *If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures* (Job 36:11). Notice this scripture says *years* in pleasures. This includes the lean years, when the economy is bad or there is a recession. Those who obey and serve God will spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasure.

If the Word of God tells you to keep your eyes on Him, what do you do? You keep your eyes on God! If the Word tells you to trust only in God, what do you do? You choose to trust in Him only! So make the choice right now to keep your eyes on God, stand on His Word, and trust only in Him. After all, God Himself is our *stability in unstable times!*

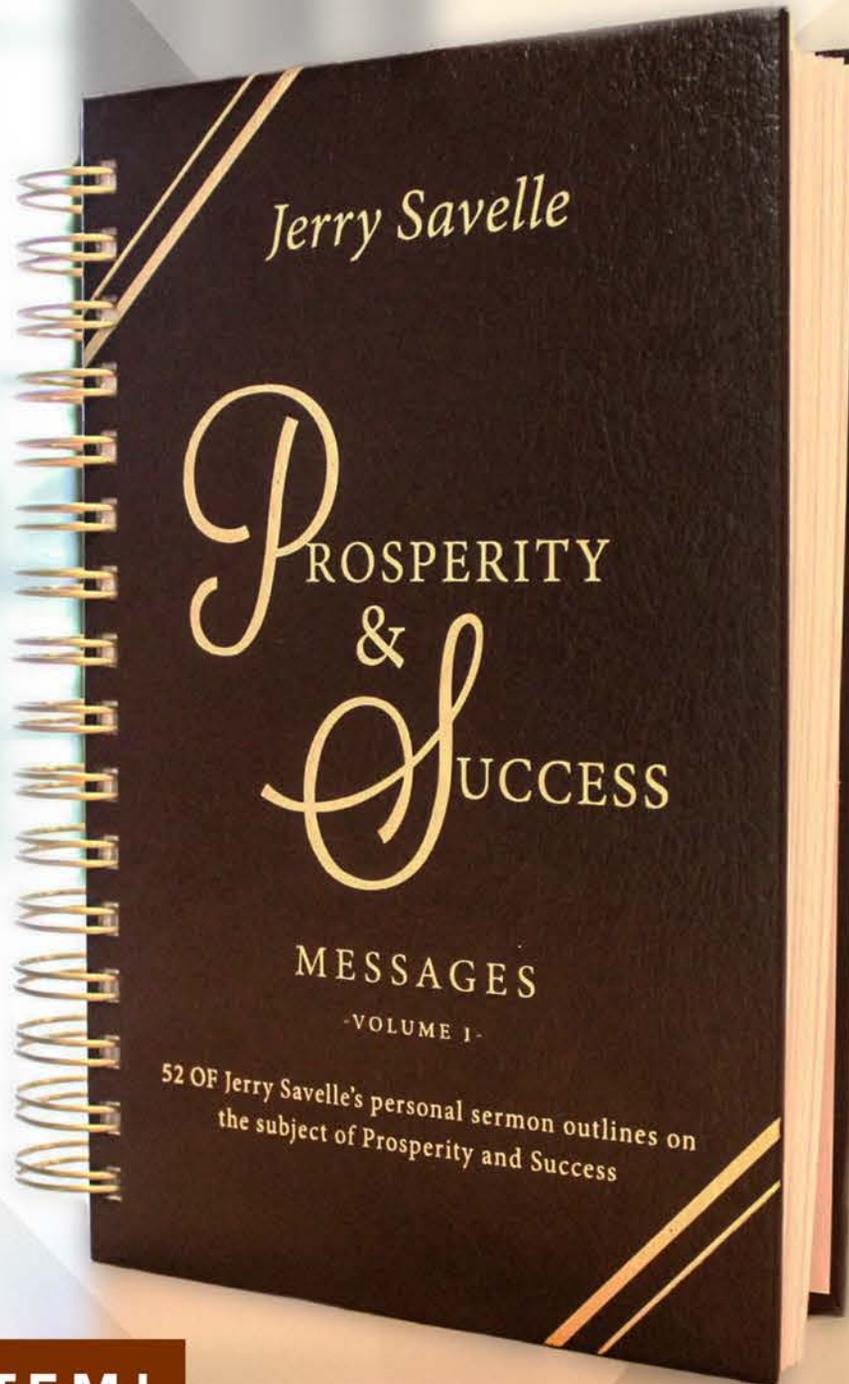
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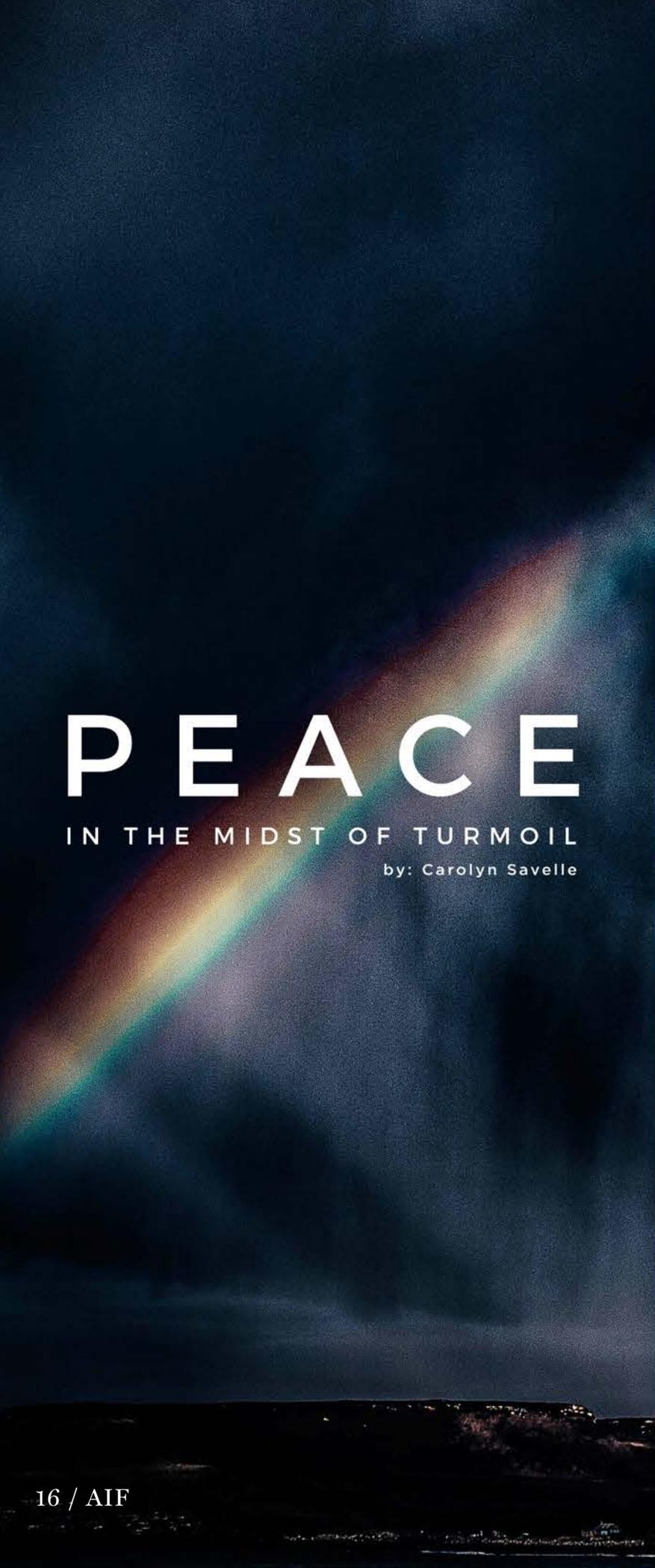


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PEACE

IN THE MIDST OF TURMOIL

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With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation (Psalm 91:16).

For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you (Proverbs 9:11).

You can depend on God and you can depend on His Word. He will never fail you.

In the 1950s, when Brother Oral Roberts received the revelation that “God is a good God, the devil is a bad devil, and something good is going to happen to you,” he began to preach it. The religious world scorned him and called him a heretic, preaching false doctrine. They turned their backs on him.

The religious world taught that God put bad things on you because He was trying to teach you something, or He was disciplining you, or something bad happened to you because you were in sin. When you receive the revelation that it is Satan who comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus came that you might have life and have it more abundantly (see John 10:10), this truth alone will change your life radically.

The Word of God says, *Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers* (3 John 2). When you know the Word of God, you know the will of God; when you know the will of God, you know the Word of God. His Word is His will. Therefore, when adversity comes, you can stand and look it square in the eye and know what the final outcome is going to be. It’s going to be victory because we always triumph in Christ Jesus!

When Jesus was confronted by the devil on the Mount of Temptation, He used the Word of God as His weapon. He said, “*It is written*” in response to every attack of the enemy (see Matthew 4:4–10).

On September 27, 2016, when Jerry went in for surgery to have the plaque cleaned out of an artery in his neck, he was supposed to be out the next day. Complications arose with a stroke. What did we, as a family, do? We began to speak nothing but the Word of God. We acted the way God acted. The book of Genesis reveals that when the world was in chaos and utter darkness, God spoke and said, “Light be”—and light was. In speaking the Word of God, you are speaking the will of God, and it will turn your chaotic world into something that is beautiful.

It is written: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the

chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5), and ...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed (1 Peter 2:24). Notice it's past tense!

The words to the old Christian hymn, "It Is Well with My Soul" come to my mind:

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.*

*My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for
Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!*

*And Lord, haste the day when
The faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
And the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

This beautiful hymn was written by Horatio Spafford after traumatic events in his life. The first was the death of his son at the age of two, and then the great Chicago fire of 1871, which ruined him financially. (He had been a successful lawyer and invested significantly in property in the area of Chicago that was extensively damaged by the great fire.) His business interests were further hit by the economic downturn of 1873, at which time he had planned to travel to Europe with his family on the SS Ville du Havre. In a late change of plans, he sent the family ahead while he was delayed on

business concerning zoning problems following the great Chicago fire.

While crossing the Atlantic, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with another sea vessel, and all four of the Spafford daughters died. His wife, Anna, survived and sent him the now famous telegram, "Saved Alone." Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as the ship passed near where his daughters had died. The denomination they were in regarded their tragedy as divine punishment; therefore, the Spaffords formed their own messianic sect and named it The Overcomers.

My goodness—what a revelation of God's peace this couple had!

The apostle Paul was familiar with turmoil and suffering, having been beaten, stoned, shipwrecked and more for the sake of the gospel. Yet he said, *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

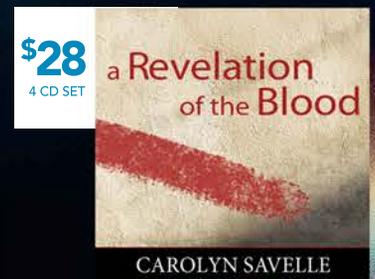
No matter what kind of turmoil you may be facing today, you too have the assurance of God's love and the overcoming peace that comes through Jesus Christ, who said, *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27).

Meditate on this scripture – think on it – speak it out. His Word never returns to Him void and His WWWord working in you will hold you steady and in peace regardless of the storm and you will come out in victory!



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YOU ARE NOT *hopeless*

Each one of us has had opportunities to quit, to give up, to be overwhelmed—to the point of feeling hopeless. You may even feel this way right now; if so, keep reading because this message is just for you.

There may be times when you get so weighted down with the circumstances of life that all you can see is what's going on around you: bills that need to be paid, a bad report from the doctor, a relationship falling apart. You begin to feel there is just no way out.

Hopelessness is defined as “without hope; beyond optimism; desperate; despairing; impossible to accomplish, solve, or resolve, etc.; inadequate for the purpose.” The world is hopeless, but as a child of God and a believer you are never without hope. The God of hope lives down on the inside of you. He has a plan of escape for everything you will ever go through—if you trust Him.

Let me remind you that Jesus is the way (see John 14:6). He can make a way to get you through every situation, if you put your hope in Him today. Jesus can, and will, show up in your darkest hour, if you look for Him. Stop trying to figure this out on your own.

You are *not* hopeless!

In my own life, when I reached a place of feeling the most hopeless I'd ever felt, I had to get fighting mad in the Spirit at the devil, who was trying to destroy my life. I had to fight for what was rightfully mine as a child of the King. Jesus said He came to give us abundant life (see John 10:10). The Message Bible says ... *more and better life than they ever dreamed of. This belongs to you!*

God's Word has to become your everything, because hope is found there. The more you dig into the Word, the more you will understand that the Bible is not just words on paper, but in those pages is life! Reading God's Word will cause a hope to stir in you that the enemy can never take from you regardless of what comes your way.

God's Word illuminates the dark places in your soul so that you will begin to see the “light at the end of the tunnel.” That light is Jesus. God's Word is full of promises for you. Hebrews 10:23 in The Passion Translation says, *Cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps His promises* (emphasis added). The Amplified translation of Romans 15:13 says, *May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope.* You cannot stay hopeless knowing that God always keeps His promises!

Listen to this promise: *[Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it]* (Hebrews 6:19 AMP).

When your emotions are all over the place, hope will anchor your soul.

When you feel like there is nothing you can do, hope will anchor your soul.

When you feel like your world has fallen apart, hope will anchor your soul.

You have to get to that place in your life where you can say, *“No matter what storms come my way, I will stay in hope and stay in faith—because I trust God and His Word!”*

I want to encourage you to pick up your Bible, begin finding scriptures for whatever you are dealing with, begin to speak them out over your circumstances, have faith in your heart, and then watch God turn your situation around. I promise you, He is always faithful to His Word!

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The Established Heart

by: Jerry Savelle

To create a life of stability in the midst of unstable times, it's imperative that we establish our hearts firmly in the Word of God.

The word *establish* means "to found, institute, build, or bring into being on a firm or stable basis; to bring about permanently."

People have spent enormous amounts of money and expended great effort to learn how to establish and build up their physical bodies. Even more has been spent in developing and building up their minds. However, the one area that has been largely ignored is the spirit man, the reborn, eternal facet inside each and every one of us who has made Jesus Lord and Savior.

It would be ridiculous for me to tell you about the importance of establishing your heart in the Word of God without telling you how it's done. We find God's method for establishing a heart in His Word in the book of Joshua: "*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in*

it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:8). The Amplified Bible says, *...and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.*

Meditating the Word causes the Word of God to indwell you, resulting in your heart becoming established, fixed, and settled. Consequently, you'll not be moved by the circumstances and situations around you.

The Bible says, *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper* (Psalm 1:1-3). This man delights in the law of the Lord, and he meditates it day and night. As a result, he is fruitful in every situation

and he prospers in everything he sets his hand to. The Amplified Bible says, *...and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].*

How would you like your every Christian endeavor to prosper and come to full maturity? The key to this kind of success is meditation in God's Word day and night. Meditation is more than just reading the Word. To *meditate* literally means to fix your mind on the Word and dwell on it in your thought life day and night. You can meditate the Word while you're driving a car, buying groceries, washing dishes, or sitting at the dinner table.

I meditate the Word almost constantly. Oftentimes, while I travel between meetings, I dwell on certain scriptures and let them roll over and over in my thinking. By doing this, those scriptures leave my head and get down in my heart. Then the Holy Spirit paints a picture inside me, and I'll begin to see myself in the light of that Word.

Preparation for Meditation

I've been meditating God's Word for over 48 years now, and I've learned some important things about preparation that I want to share with you. I'm frequently purposeful in setting aside time to meditate God's Word. The first thing I want to do is get my mind in "neutral"; therefore, I begin by praying in the Spirit. The Bible says that when I pray in an unknown tongue, my mind is unfruitful (see 1 Corinthians 14:14).

I continue to pray in the Spirit until I get my mind shut down; that's when I'll be able to hear the voice of the Spirit of God. Let me just say that it's difficult to watch television for a couple of hours and then expect to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. Making the switch effectively requires some kind of preparation.

Once my mind is quiet, I read the particular scriptures that I intend to meditate. I read them over and over until I have a mental picture of what they are saying. When this picture is

formed in my mind, I close my Bible and dwell on it. If I have trouble getting a clear picture, I go back to the scripture and read it again until the picture becomes so vivid and real that the scripture actually becomes part of me.

As the Holy Spirit paints a picture in my spirit, I sit quietly, absorbing the image and allowing the Word to absorb me. Then I purposefully listen to the voice of the Spirit of God. You see, the Holy Spirit was on the scene when Jesus walked the earth. He was there at Pentecost. He was there during the Acts of the Apostles. He was the One who inspired holy men to record these events on paper so that you and I could benefit from them today. The Holy Spirit was there; therefore, He fully understands what the Word is saying. The *same* Holy Spirit is within me, so I say to Him, “Holy Spirit, you were there when these events took place. You were there causing these things to be performed. You are in me now, so in the name of Jesus I expect you to reveal to me the deep things of God.”

At this point, it's as if a movie screen is flipped on in my mind. As I begin to visualize what the Word is saying, the Holy Ghost explains it to me step by step. As a result of this process, I never forget His explanations—I never forget the things I learn this way.

It was through this process that I became established in Philippians 4:19: *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* I meditated on this scripture until it became as much of me as my right arm. At that time in my life, I *needed* to know God would meet my needs. The truth of this scripture is in my heart today, and no one will ever convince me otherwise. When a financial need arises, I refuse to bow to it. I refuse to let go of my faith because my heart is established in Philippians 4:19. It is a reality inside me; therefore I will not be moved or shaken.

Another important thing I learned

from purposefully meditating God's Word is found in the fourth chapter of the book of Hebrews. At that time, I was in desperate need of financial help. The business debts I'd incurred before I was saved were almost overwhelming, yet I believed that my God would meet my needs and help me out of the situation. While I was praying and believing God for a financial miracle, I began to meditate these scriptures: *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need* (Hebrews 4:14, 16).

Jesus Is Our High Priest

We have a great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God and who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. In other words, He knows where each of us are, and He knows exactly what we need. He knows what it's like to be under pressure, and He's given us His ability to overcome the situation and relieve the pressure.

As I was meditating and dwelling on these verses in Hebrews, the Holy Spirit began to paint an image in my spirit. I saw myself going to the throne of God. I walked up before Jesus, who was seated at the right hand of the Father. I stood before them and looked at them. I'll never forget the compassion in Jesus' eyes; He desired to meet my every need. All they were waiting for was my petition. When I spoke, there was a boldness in me; I was without fear because I knew I belonged there.

I said, “Father, in the name of Jesus, Mark 11:24 says that whatsoever I desire when I pray, if I believe I receive it, I shall have it.” I paused for a moment, and when neither of them spoke, I continued. Father, Jesus said that in this day I would ask Him nothing, but whatever I would ask You in His name, You would give it to me. Father, I believe Philippians 4:19, which says You shall supply my need

according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Then I stood back and watched them. I'll never forget what Jesus did: He leaned over, nudged the Father with His elbow, and whispered, “Give it to him.”

At that moment I knew my worries were over. I knew that I had a High Priest, and through Him I had free access to the throne of the Living God. Everything I pictured was totally scriptural. The Bible says Jesus always lives to make intercession for the saints (see Hebrews 7:25). He interceded on my behalf, my petition was granted, and He will do the same for you!

Whenever a financial situation arises in my life or ministry, I am not shaken by it. My heart is established because I took the time to meditate God's Word in this area. While I've had plenty of opportunities to be shaken, I refuse to receive them because the Word of God says, *Surely he will never be shaken; the righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established...* (Psalm 112:6-8).

Take time each and every day to meditate the Word. If you will do this, then no matter what's going on in the world around you, you will not be shaken!



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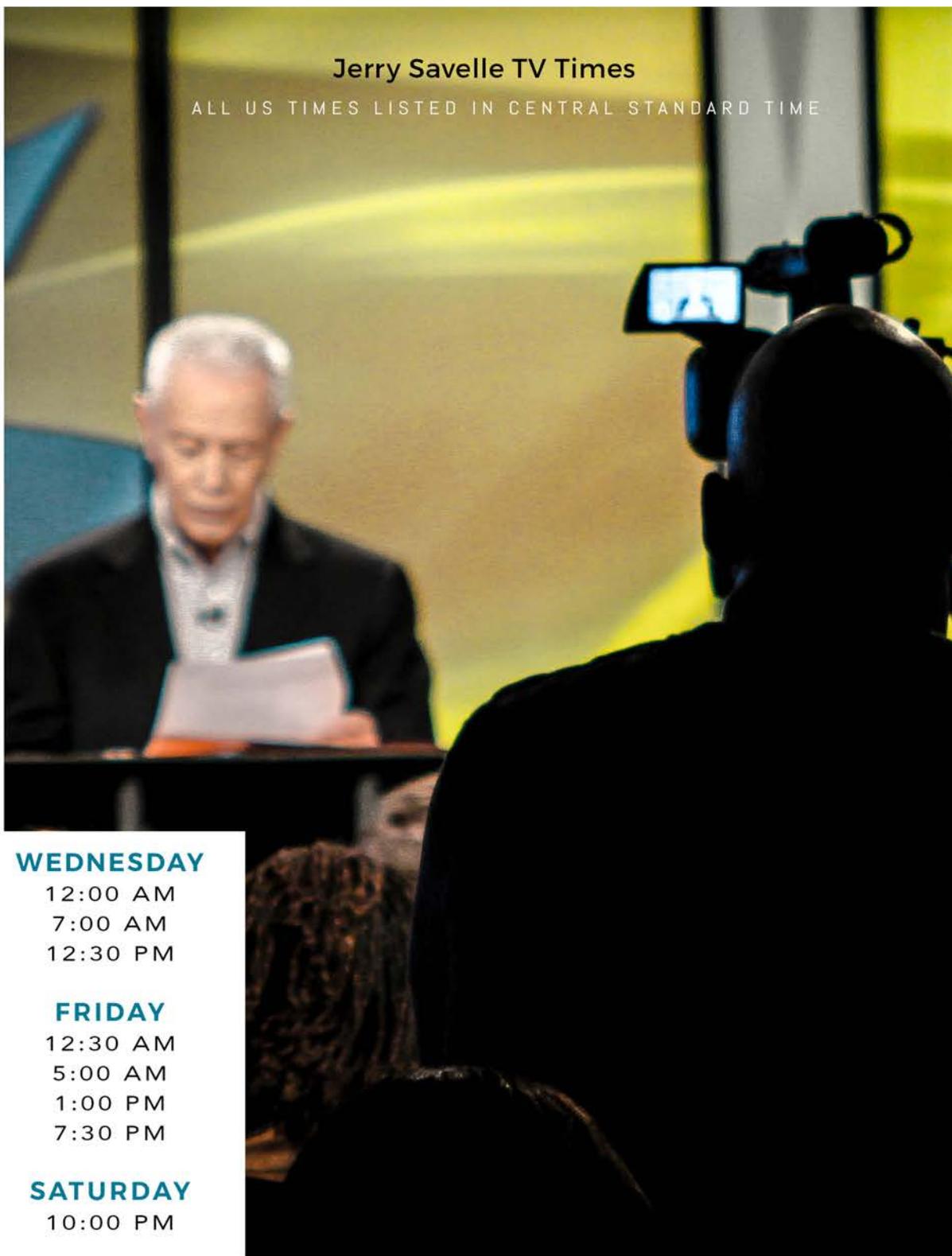
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