



DAY 17

*“For the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

2 Corinthians 5:7NLT

There various seasons we go through. We easily embrace the seasons of peace, plenty and breakthrough. In these times we feel strong, secure and self-confident. When we are in a hard season of persecution, trial and difficulty we wish that away. Yet it is in these trying seasons that you truly see the hand of God working for you. It is these “hard seasons” that the Holy Spirit cements the godly character that has been placed in you. Furthermore, when you go to God at your most vulnerable the Lord can take you into His arms and show you how strong He is for you. He shows you His provision. He shows you His breakthroughs. He shows you His wisdom. He shows you His power. He gives you His Faith. The “new season” that lies ahead may not be one an easy one. You may even be walking through the “valley of the shadow of death”. But King David testifies in Psalm 23 that while in this valley that he “will fear no evil, for you are with me”. David only understood this about God character because He learned this in the “hard season”. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you embrace the “new season” with all its challenges. Call on Him and He will help you and when things are tough He can give a way of escape.

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## **Seeds of Righteousness with Maria Dos Santos.**

*Matthew 5: 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*

I am a Biblical Peace Builder. I run a workshop called Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations. I also train people who feel called to be agents of healing and reconciliation in their communities or areas of influence to run these workshops. I work with people from various walks of life but have a specific focus on the youth, our future leaders. I work with a team of volunteers (mostly pastors) who have been trained to run these workshops with me. I am passionate about ethnic healing and biblical reconciliation and live by the motto that “Your heart is mine to defend” but for that to be true, authentic and sincere, I need to get to know you and not interact with you based on stereotypical views. This can only happen once I have allowed the Lord to heal my own wounded ethnic identity and also his lenses through which to view Him, myself and the rest of humanity. Please pray for the following:

1. Favour with the right people for strategic ministry opportunities as well as provision for ministry needs and requirements.
2. I am part of an experiment tank- a group of intercessors from different countries, who are meeting once a week via zoom to pray and discern the Lord’s strategy for navigating this racially explosive time we are living in and possibly putting together something we can hand to churches as a guideline to follow. We meet every Friday afternoon.
  - a. Please pray for sensitivity to the voice of the Holy Spirit as we talk, pray and listen

- b. Clarity of thoughts and ability to communicate clearly and in a way that we can understand each other well and wisdom as we collate all we are hearing collectively.
  - c. God's protection over us and our families and ministries
  - d. God's anointing upon us and our time together every week
3. Pray for all those people who have been affected and suffered loss of loved ones because of racially motivated violence in all ethnic groups in our beautiful nation.
  4. Pray for those who have lost hope because of injustice in our nation
  5. Pray for the government of our nation, that God would raise Godly, honourable, trustworthy men and women that He will position strategically in all levels of government.
  6. Pray that the body of Christ (Followers of Christ) in our nation will be part of the solution in our country. May we be the life-givers God intended us to be.
  7. Pray for Ivory Coast, America and every other country that is experiencing civil unrest, whatever the reason may be. Pray that the Church in our nation and every one of these countries will be the voice of peace, restraint and non-violence. In Ivory Coast especially please pray for mediation initiatives that will result in an inclusive and representative government.
  8. Pray for my health. Teaching full time and running the ministry is very taxing, especially now with the added pressure of COVID on the education system.
  9. Pray for an increase in my salary since I fund the ministry out of my funds most of the time.
  10. Pray for my son to accept and step into the calling that God has placed on his life.
  11. Pray that God's people will be reconciled to Him and each other like never before. What the enemy intends for bad, may the Lord turn it around and use it for good.

I thank God for His faithfulness toward me during this lockdown in so many ways. He has proven over and over that He can do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we can ask or think and I thank Him for doing just that. Praise be to the Lord God Almighty!



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