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In Him, Simple Love

Hello Family, Partners, and Friends, grace, peace, and favor to you. As I sit to write to you, it is Friday, June 28. Typically, the letter has been prepared, proofed, and in production by now. Not this month. Let me share a bit of my journey.

Last week I went to Eagle Mountain International Church's YouTube page to check Sunday's service and catch what Pastor George Pearsons preached. I usually do this after we've ministered in one of the churches in Belize to fill back up on the WORD. This particular Sunday, I almost decided to listen to a different ministry but sensed a tug in my heart to find out what Pastor George shared.

He started in 2 Timothy 3:1 – *But know this, in the last days perilous times (times of stress) will come.* Then he asked three questions:

1. Have you been experiencing an unusual amount of pressure lately?
2. Has the pressure been coming from multiple directions?
3. At times, do you feel you have more than you can handle?

I thought, "I am not experiencing a lot of pressure." Then I wondered if I was in denial. Well, if I was in denial, I could no longer be after Monday morning. Each day this week came with more challenges and required more time making calls, sending emails, doing research, following up with people, and all on top of an already packed week. But, as Pastor George shared, *we are not alone (others are feeling it too), it has been a constant battle, but we're not defeated, and we're not beat up because there is an anointing for these times. There is a strength and an ability from the Lord to get more done.*

I was reminded during the week of Jesus' words in John 17:23 before he went to the cross – *that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.* Our Heavenly Father loves me as much as He loves Jesus. I did not say those words, Jesus did. I choose to believe them and speak them over me. My Father loves me as much as He loves Jesus.

A new world opens to us when we meditate on those WORDS and ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand them. It may be hard or seem strange to have this mindset at first. However, we need to have this mindset to overcome the things we face today. If we don't, we won't have faith that He will help us. Read Hebrews 11:6 with me – *without faith it is impossible to please God.* Verse 1 in the AMPC version defines faith as *Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].* Verse 3 states, *By faith [that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God] we understand...*

The Melissa Mack translation – faith is trusting that God will do what He says He will do.

So, what has The Father said He will do?

He promised in:

Psalms 46 to be a very present help in trouble.

1 Peter 5:7 to care for us.

Proverbs 2:6-9 to give wisdom, be a shield, help us understand justice, equity, and every good path.

We need to lean in on the Love of our Heavenly Father when the 'pile up' starts to happen. He knows what to do. We can stop amid challenges and ask Him for help. Sit quietly before Him and listen. "Lord, I am dealing with _____ but You know what to do. Please show me." Our Heavenly Father knows how to get things done. As Pastor George said, 'He is an efficiency expert.' The great thing is, when we have made Jesus our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit, comes to live in us.

We can carry His Wisdom and help with us everywhere we go. We can know what to do in every situation. We can rely on His strength and comfort. All it takes is humbling ourselves before Him to ask for help, listen, and do what He tells us to do. Peace and victory are guaranteed. He will help us in the smallest of matters and the largest of problems. He is a problem-solver.

And remember, your Heavenly Father loves you as much as He loves Jesus! He got Jesus out of Hell and can get you out of tough situations, too.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial gifts to this ministry. Your seed is being used to bring encouragement and hope through Jesus both in the USA and Belize. Until next month ...

Resting in Him,

Pastors Jordan & Melissa Mack

Psalms 23, **Psalm 91**, Isaiah 54:17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Exodus 3:21, **Numbers 6:24-26**, Ephesians 1:15-21, Colossians 1:9-14, **Colossians 3:1-17**

Has this letter BLESSED you? Pass this Partner letter on to a family member or friend and be a BLESSING to them.