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We should be living in such recognition of *what has been purchased by Christ* that experiencing the supernatural should be a common occurrence. This is our reward for trusting and living in Him—not a distraction from the greatness of our God.

We have just returned from extraordinary meetings in Santo Domingo and Homestead, Florida, where the power of His presence—of transformation and reformation—was so tangible that believers were visibly changed. Those who came hopeless and heartbroken left with a faith that was beyond just quoting scripture: they *experienced* the Kingdom of God.

Jesus preached the message of the Kingdom because it is the power of transformation for every person and nation. The Church today must not try to change the message of our Lord. We are living in the most exciting times possible *if* we clearly understand and preach the King and His Kingdom.

Today you may be hoping that Jesus would just take care of your money, family or health problems. Beloved, I know that no one is immune from trouble and pain on earth; however, I want to share a key to your freedom.

In Philippians 3, Paul exhorts the Church to worship the Lord in the Spirit (verse 3) and have no confidence in the flesh. He explains why he should know, above anyone, why flesh and “religion” are not the answer: he himself was born a Pharisee of Pharisees. He then continues to explain the very purpose of life. Consider closely these scriptures:

These things that I once considered valuable, I now consider worthless for Christ. It's far more than that! I consider everything else worthless because I'm much better off knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. It's because of him that I think of everything as worthless. **I threw it all away in order to gain Christ and to have a relationship with him.** This means that I didn't receive God's approval by obeying his laws. The opposite is true! I have God's approval through faith in Christ. **This is the approval that comes from God and is based on faith that knows Christ. Faith knows the power that his coming back to life gives and what it means to share his suffering.** **In this way I'm becoming like him in his death,** with the confidence that I'll come back to life from the dead. It's not that I've already reached the goal or have already completed the course. **But I run to win that which Jesus Christ has already won for me.** Brothers and sisters, I can't consider myself a winner yet. **This is what I do: I don't look back, I lengthen my stride,** and I run straight toward the goal to win the prize that **God's heavenly call** offers in Christ Jesus.

If we evaluate our priorities, we may be surprised at what we discover. Most of the time, Jesus is *not* the prize we've been chasing. What I'm suggesting is that the problems we face are the direct result of being distracted from the true goal: Jesus Christ. Pain is real and can cause doubt, fear and unbelief—but if these get a foothold in your soul, *even for a millisecond*, you have lost invaluable ground in the pursuit of your heavenly calling and problems arise.

This is the key: supernatural faith means to “know” Christ completely—not the scriptures nor even His words. Of course, we can become acquainted with His mind by what He says in the scriptures, but the “knowing” that produces real faith is our death and His life through us. You have to experience this beyond the formula of saying, “I must die so He can live.”

How do I achieve this, you may ask?

There is neither a recipe nor a short cut. This knowledge of Christ requires different actions from each of us.

The way He is training me, for example, is by revealing the nature inside me that differs from His. Each time my reaction to an event or circumstances removes me from His presence, I am reminded of the need to discover *why*. Discovering why becomes easy; changing my nature is where the work begins.

Once we begin to *know Him*, we are then introduced to the true *power* of His faith. “*Faith knows the power that His coming back to life gives*” (Philippians 3). Do you understand this truth?

Faith is the *deed of ownership* to every situation you desire: “*faith knows the power.*” Fear knows the power, too, but *its* goal is to create doubt and unbelief in your mind, to supersede who you believe Christ to be.

You must not fear even death, because faith has the power that death used to have over you. Jesus said in Revelation 1:18, ***I am He who lives and was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore, AMEN, and I HAVE THE KEYS OF HADES AND DEATH.***

Consider this key revelation: faith knows the power because *faith and Jesus are one*. If you know Jesus, you know the power; if you know the power, you can access the keys to unlock every treasure—keys to fulfill your destiny. Given this, every moment of the life we are living *now* must be the race that takes us to *know Him*, because in order to “win” what Jesus has already purchased you must be His heir. The inheritance goes to family members—not church members. You may belong to the largest church in your city...but are you a member of the Body of Christ?

Paul says that when things get tough and the words of his adversary are becoming deafening, he just “lengthens his stride and does not look back.” Paul’s words are from the Holy Spirit. Believe them. Read this out loud: “***I WILL FORGET MY PAST AND FOCUS ON MY SAVIOR.***” If you focus on Christ continuously, if your goal is to know Him, your future *will* rewrite your past.

Each of you is very special in the eyes of Jesus. This is why you must not become preoccupied with anything but *knowing Him*. Remember, “Faith knows the power.” All we need to know is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

We are filled with so much love for each of you, our partners. Our greatest desire is to impart the knowledge and power of Christ and His kingdom into each of you. Know that you are not alone in your journey. If you have sent a prayer request or called us for prayer, we have staff members who are shaking hell on your

There are seasons when the Lord removes everything that hinders the move of His Kingdom—and we are about to enter into just such a time. This season may cause you to question your relationship with Christ. *Do not be afraid*. Instead, be sensitive to the Spirit. The Lord is sifting the wheat from the chaff. His Kingdom will advance—but there are some whose agendas are not from the Lord, both in the church and outside. If your house is built upon the Rock, however, you’ll be all right. We will speak more about this in our first service on the “CYBER CHURCH.” (Check our website for times and dates in your area.)

Make plans now to attend our June meetings in Orlando, Florida. Ana was given a special word concerning this event. She saw an amazing cloud of His authority coming down from heaven

with great glory over central Florida. He said it would come down in the middle of 2008 and impart great power over every believer and participant. She saw the people like living torches coming out of the cloud and igniting their cities as they returned home.

Thank you for helping us to advance the Kingdom of God with your precious gift this month. We believe that honoring God through this ministry will dramatically impact your life—and if you will believe the same thing, nothing can hinder your growth. Until next time we meet, receive our love and affection.