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Dear Friends,

This month I want to share with you some of the ordinary, everyday issues of life and death – the sort of stuff we all encounter, as we navigate our journey through this life, whilst in our fleshly, physical form. During this past two years and in particular, this past few months, my family has faced the daily frustrations of physical, emotional and often spiritual exhaustion, as we have shared the last few months of my mother's life.

*There are **three things of noteworthy importance** that I wish to share with you, and, that we as a church family can be encouraged by. So I hope as I share these points, you too, will draw strength and encouragement from them. This is exactly the reason why Jachin Boaz Ministries was established – to assist my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, to grow up into the fullness of **ALL** that God, our heavenly Father, would have you be, (**spiritual maturity**); and to equip you for mentoring the brother or sister, who next crosses your path.*

- 1. Be faithfully yield in a spirit of obedience.*
- 2. Be ready, in season and out of season.*
- 3. Don't be moved by your feelings. Only be moved by your faith.*

Before we discuss those three points, let's share some of the Lord's Words, reading from John 14.

John 14:23-29 says...[Amp]

“Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey my teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him

and make Our home [abode, special dwelling place] with him.
Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe and obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear and heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.

I have told you these things while I am still with you.
But the comforter [Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby], the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall [will remind you of, bring to your remembrance] everything I have told you.

Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

You heard Me tell you, I am going away and I am coming [back] to you. If you [really] loved Me, you would have been glad, because I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater and mightier than I am.

And now I have told you [this] **before it occurs**, so that when it does take place you may believe and have faith in and rely on Me."

1. **If we faithfully do as He tells us, in a spirit of yielded obedience, He is faithful to bring to pass ALL that He has promised.** He is an awesome God, and I was so blessed to get to share in some amazing things, with both of my parents, during this past few long weeks. My mother was anticipating her reunion; with her Lord, and other cherished, earthly, family members gone before. My dad lay beside me on his bed and verbally talked with mum; questioned her whereabouts, and then proceeded to answer his own questions. **If God's Word had not been indelibly imprinted in his and my hearts, God could not have brought back to our remembrance, those Words of comfort that we shared back and forth, that afternoon.**
2. **Always "...Be ready in season and out of season..." [2Timothy 4:2 NJKV].** Whether you **feel like it or not, be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the persons needs of the moment.** As my dad shared how "good" a woman his wife, [my mother] was, and how admirable her **tenacity**, (the ability to stick with something even when the going gets tough; to never give up; to never surrender), in her fidelity, over 66 years of marriage; I listened, agreed with his statements, then waited....??? I knew at that point, his memory tape was on replay; reminding him of some, or all, of his misdemeanours over that same 66 years. This was the point at which the devil had opportunity to kill, steal and destroy, the wonderful memories dad has, of those 66 years. He (the devil), sows the **spirit of condemnation**, and, if we **buy his lie**, we are **robbed of those joyful remembrances**. So, I went on to remind dad that he was just as wonderful. It was him – Dad – my father, and the husband of my mother, who was there putting a smile on her face, and massaging her neck and shoulders, as

they shared those precious, intimate, personal moments, just prior to her earthly departure. Not a bad effort, just physically speaking, let alone the emotional trauma also taking its toll, from a man of almost 88 years of age! **Was life always perfect** throughout those 66 years? **NO.** Absolutely and unequivocally not. **But my mother's faith, mixed with her obstinate tenacity, and married together with dad's love for his Lord, was enough to see them through.** I reminded dad, that our **EXIT** and **ENTRY** points, in this life, have nothing to do with anything **we** have ever done or said, and **EVERYTHING to do with what Jesus did FOR US.** **Our salvation is but a GIFT from God, via the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, at the cross.** And that was one **GIFT** both of my parents had **RECEIVED.** Amen!!! I gently reminded him, it is called **GRACE.** What a precious conversation we shared.

3. **Don't be moved by your FEELINGS. Only be moved and motivated be your FAITH.** As part of the human family, it is easy to be carried away on the tide of every emotion, and, although our emotional responses are normal, and natural, and essential to a healthy balanced life, we are only to be moved and motivated in our spirit by, **THUS SAITH the LORD!!! His WORDS** are much more reliable and comforting, and, even amidst the grief and pain of loss; they are encouraging, and cause our spirit to be renewed. Every day that followed my mother's passing, for the ten days before my returning home, my dad greeted me with these words; **"this is only a temporary departure, you know....weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."** Amen! Praise the Lord!!! [Refer Psalm 30:5].

So, my friends, as I end this letter to you, I encourage you to **study God's Word, believe what He promises you, and trust Him to bring** those wonderful nuggets of **TRUTH to your remembrance**, when and where you need them most, just as He did for my dad and me. [I love you dad, and honour the **legacy** you and mother have left me; **my faith** and the **joy to share it** with my fellow believers this month].

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

