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Voice and Action

The voice of the church is a lovely sound that can minister Christ’s love to a lost soul to lift them up and out. The voice of the church can be so powerful that it confronts and breaks in pieces the lies of the enemy that would desire to destroy our lives. We won’t fight if we don’t know there is a war. The enemy of your soul roams about seeking whom he may devour. He is a ravenous wolf that eats sheep. We need to preach faith in God and we need to preach the kingdom, meaning that we are required to live in that kingdom and release that kingdom reality here on earth. We must live by faith and faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God! Preachers need not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ because it is the power of God unto salvation. There is no other way to gain salvation than through Christ Jesus our Lord. Preach that and let the people decide what they want to do. No one comes to the Son unless the Father draws him. We partner with God the Father as we operate in our ordained mission as ambassadors for Christ. We are messenger-sons that have a voice like a trumpet that needs to herald truth.

The word for “Crisis” in Chinese is the same word used for opportunity! If my voice or the voice of the church sounds annoying it is because an alarm is not effective unless it is a little irritating! An alarm is meant to wake us up! Most of us in the natural depend on alarms to wake us up so we can go and do and be!

2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Do not ignore the marvelous gift of righteousness in God

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

6 As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it.

Matt 5:20 NKJV Right standing with God only through faith in Jesus

20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Rom 14:17-18 NKJV The meaning of “Kingdom Life”

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

*An Excerpt From Vines Expository Dictionary On Righteousness:*

The Greek word for righteousness is used to describe that gracious gift of God to men whereby all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are brought into right relationship with God. This righteousness is unattainable by obedience to any law, or by any merit of man's own, or any other condition than that of faith in Christ.... The man who trusts in Christ becomes the righteousness of God in Him.

Peace:

The Greek word used here describes a peace that is achieved in human relationships by supernatural means, afforded to us by the sacrifice of Christ.

Joy:

Means to be exceedingly joyful or to be filled with joy! Great gladness. Calm delight.

In the Holy Ghost:

“In” means a fixed position in place and time. Being “in” the Holy Spirit is a position given to us by grace and our faith in Christ Jesus. We can live in the Holy Spirit. We can move in His power. We can conduct our lives by His guidance. We can listen for His reason. We obey Him because we love His ways rather than live in a religious dutiful way of life that is no life at all.

Rom 3:23-24 NIV Money can’t buy this place before God Almighty

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

*Rom 3:23-26 Mesg.*

23 Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, 24 God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

25 God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public — to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. 26 This is not only clear, but it's now — this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness.

Rom 1:16-17 NKJV Acts of faith

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

*Rom 1:17 Mesg.*

17 God's way of putting people right shows up in the acts of faith, confirming what Scripture has said all along: "The person in right standing before God by trusting him really lives."

Heb 11:1-2 Mesg.

11 The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. 2 The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

Heb 11:33-12:8 Mesg.

33 Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves. They were protected from lions, 34 fires, and sword thrusts, turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, routed alien armies. 35 Women received their loved ones back from the dead. There were those who, under torture, refused to give in and go free, preferring something better: resurrection. 36 Others braved abuse and whips, and, yes, chains and dungeons. 37 We have stories of those who were stoned, sawed in two, murdered in cold blood; stories of vagrants wandering the earth in animal skins, homeless, friendless, powerless — 38 the world didn't deserve them! — making their way as best they could on the cruel edges of the world.

39 Not one of these people, even though their lives of faith were exemplary, got their hands on what was promised. 40 God had a better plan for us: that their faith and our faith would come together to make one completed whole, their lives of faith not complete apart from ours.

Discipline in a Long-Distance Race

12 Do you see what this means — all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running — and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. 2 Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed — that exhilarating finish in and with God — he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. 3 When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

4 In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through — all that bloodshed! 5 So don't feel sorry for yourselves. Or have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as his children?

My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either. 6 It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects.

7 God is educating you; that's why you must never drop out. He's treating you as dear children. This trouble you're in isn't punishment; it's training…

1 Cor 4:20-21 NLT Living by God’s power and not Christian rhetoric

20 For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. (Dunamis-ability, abundance, mighty deeds, worker of miracles, power, strength, violence, mighty wonderful work)

Mark 16:15 TPT The natural supernatural flow of living a life in the Spirit

15And he said to them, “As you go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race! 16Whoever believes the good news and is baptized will be saved, and whoever does not believe the good news will be condemned. 17And these miracle signs will accompany those who believe: They will drive out demons in the power of my name. They will speak in tongues. 18They will be supernaturally protected from snakes and from drinking anything poisonous. And they will lay hands on the sick and heal them.”