

Clarity in Crisis

John 16: 32-33

Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. (Jhn 16:32 KJV)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (Jhn 16:33 KJV)

We have been brought together by this global pandemic as a global community through COVID-19. But at the name of Jesus every knee must bow. There is still power in that name. If you will speak it over your life right now and just declare it into the atmosphere, then the power that is in that name will begin to be released.

But even though we can't gather physically we can still gather spiritually. Only the forethought and eternal wisdom of our God could have known we would need to be equipped for times like these. We are self quarantine. THAT IS NOT BEING WEAK BUT WISE!

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. (Pro 22:3 KJV)

So we are called to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But even as we are separated physically we are present spiritually. For where two or three are gather together

GOD DECLARED YOUR FUTURE FROM THE BEGINNING. HE SAW THESE TIMES BEFORE THEY ARRIVED. GOD ALWAYS SENDS THE ANSWER BEFORE THE PROBLEM. MOSES HAD THE ROD BEFORE THE RED SEA. DAVID HAD SLING SHOT BEFORE GOLIATH. THERE WERE SIX WATER POTS AT THE WEDDING IN CANA BEFORE THE WINE RAN OUT.....

AND THE SOLUTION MUST ALWAYS BE GREATER THAN THE PROBLEM. PAUL SAID IN *ROMANS 5:20 "Where sin abounds grace does much more abounds"*.

Verse 19 - The disciples of Jesus said that Jesus finally spoke plainly and was no longer using proverbs. They accused Jesus of speaking over their head. IN OUR SEARCH FOR SIGNIFICANT, WE HAVE AN INNATE NEED FOR CLARITY.

YOUR CLARITY IN THE CRISIS DETERMINES THE OPTIONS IN YOUR CRISIS.

EVERYTHING NEGATIVE THAT HAPPENS ISN'T A CRISIS.

YOU CANNOT WAIT UNTIL YOU GET OUT OF THE CRISIS TO FIND CLARITY. WE MUST FIND CLARITY IN THE CRISIS. CLARITY DOES NOT MEAN KNOWING ALL THE ANSWERS. BUT IT MEANS TRUSTING GOD IN THE MIDST OF THE CRISIS.

TRUSTING GOD IS CLARITY!

Crisis *n.* A sudden and unexpected change in course or state of affairs, or a situation that has reached a stage in which a decisive change is impending, generally with a distinct possibility of a highly undesirable outcome.

JESUS SAYS, “THE HOUR COMES....AND NOW IS”. When what was and what is to come collides you have a crisis!

Clarity does not come because of the absence of chaos and confusion but clarity comes by way of chaos and confusion.

In the book of Genesis it says that the Earth was without form and void and darkness. That is a picture of chaos and confusion. But it is at that moment that God said let there be light. So clarity came out of chaos and confusion.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (Gen 1:1 KJV)

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (Gen 1:2 KJV)

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (Gen 1:3 KJV)

3 KEYS TO CLARITY THAT BRINGS SOLIDARITY WITH THE SAVIOR

1. ACKNOWLEDGE THE CRISIS

Vs 33 - "...in the world you SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION!"

There are a lot of things you can do once you acknowledge the crisis. But there is nothing you can do until you acknowledge the crisis. Acknowledge is a mental adjustment. Sometimes it's not the crisis but the adjustments that we struggle with.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2Ti 1:7 KJV)

Goliath presented himself for 40 days before they admitted that they were in a crisis. I think one of the reasons that this crisis has been so effective is it has taken us so long to acknowledge. Acknowledging can be SCARY, FEARFUL, HUMBLING.

And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. (1Sa 17:10 KJV)

When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. (1Sa 17:11 KJV)

COVID-19 WILL BRING OUT THE BEST OF US AND IN US! Only because Israel prolonged on the battlefield with Goliath that it gave God time to prepare David for the battle. This is giving God time to prepare David's gift.

I'm gifted! God is using COVID-19 to raise up a generation of gifted people. You can't keep a gifted person in quarantine. "Your gift will make room for you...."

2. ANTICIPATE THE CHANGE

Vs 33 "...BUT be of good cheer.."

Once Job acknowledged the crisis he was in he was then able to see and expect change. Hope is expecting a future shift in circumstances. How many of you expect a future shift. Job said all the days of my appointed time will I wait until my change comes.

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. (Job 14:14 KJV)

The only way to anticipate change is to begin making changes before the change comes.

It has been said that the devil is in the details. Sometimes it's not really the real crisis is not the crisis but all the things surrounding the crisis. The anxiety and stress and fear and worry and before you know it you are not sick from the virus but fear of the virus.

They call that the paralysis of analysis. You can become so saturated by the fear of the crisis that you can forget what the crisis was all about in the first place.

- **Don't panic**
- **Don't press**
- **Don't pout**

3. ACCEPT GOD'S CHOICES

Vs 33 “...for I HAVE overcome the world.”

That says something very powerful about clarity in the crisis. And that it is that crisis have a way of directing us toward our higher purpose for life. Here is the revelation in all of this. The crisis comes to shift my focus to my higher purpose.

When you are focused on your assignment the shift happens without your personal involvement.
THIS BATTLE IS NOT YOURS! IT IS THE LORD'S!

Once you are clear on your goal in life then **you no longer have a crisis**. The woman with the issue of blood went from crisis to clarity once she heard that Jesus was present.

HOW WE MANAGE OUR CRISIS (HOW WE RESPOND) DETERMINES HOW LONG WE STAY IN OUR CRISIS. JESUS CHRIST IN TODAY'S TEXT IS ABOUT TO GO INTO A REAL CRISIS. THE CRISIS THAT REQUIRED GOD TO TAKE ON HUMAN FORM IN ORDER TO REDEEM MANKIND. CRISIS OF SIN.

JESUS CHRIST HAD TO BECOME THE LAMB OF GOD. HE HAD TO TAKE OUR PLACE IN ORDER TO SATISFY GOD'S CLAIM OF HOLINESS. GOD IS A HOLY GOD AND DEMANDS SINLESSNESS. BUT THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GOD HIMSELF.

THAT'S WHY JESUS CAME. HE WAS NOT JUST KILLED. BUT HE OFFERED HIMSELF WILLINGLY. BUT HE ONLY STAYED IN THE GRAVE THREE DAYS BUT ROSE ON THE THIRD DAY WITH ALL POWER.

WHEN YOU ARE CLEAR ON YOUR CALLING AND PURPOSE IN LIFE, NO CRISIS CAN STOP YOU!

Sometimes a crisis comes to direct towards a higher aspiration and purpose.

Sometimes crisis can come to reveal deeper problems. A crisis is different from an issue. An issue is something that you can not see but a crisis is something that you can see. And issues create crises. And a crisis reveals issues.

The woman with the issue of blood issue created a crisis.

**CLARITY FREES US TO BE CLEAR ON THE TRUE DEPTH OF
OUR ISSUES AND OPENS US UP TO GOD TO COME IN TO
HEAL US FROM OUR ISSUES.**