

## **RISING ABOVE THE FINANCIAL CRISIS**

If we want to trust someone, we must know that person. If we want to have faith and trust in God, we must know Him. Or else we won't even believe in Him.

Psalms 11:1-3

1 In the LORD I take refuge; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain;

2 For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string to shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?"

This psalms talks about putting our trust, faith, future, confidence in Him. When things are difficult and when there is a voice telling us to do something else, why do we run away? Put our confidence in God. The wicked is trying all the time to do something to the people of God.

We are in the time of war spiritually. We see the problems in the world, there is no peace and there is war in the spirit. The devil is doing anything possible to destroy the children of God. The devil is shooting at our foundation. If the foundation is destroyed, we are gone. Then we will be shaken as well. The rain, wind and flood is already here.

God is testing our foundation and we must make sure that our foundation must be solid in Christ. If our foundation is

in Christ, the wind, rain and flood may come, we will still be solid.

Matthew 7:24

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

The Lean Cow came suddenly. Nobody was prepared for this. But some people have prepared this time for the past 20 years.

In the last days, we must be careful that no one misleads us. We must make sure we are not deceived.

We may have missed our best earning years but there is still hope because the power to make wealth is inside us. That's why it is important to trust God. We need to see: What happened in the 7 years? Why are some of the people so blessed?

If we want to go out into the world, we must understand the systems of how they operate.

Ephesians 2:1-2

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

The course of this world is controlled by the prince of the powers of the air through the sons of disobedience. We must not be ignorant.

Matthew 24:1-2

1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

There is an avalanche of deception ahead of us. The things that are happening in Malaysia is not physical or carnal. It's spiritual.

Who is our leader? If we follow the right leader, we will be saved. Or else we will be led to deception.

God has us in His mind and plan. The danger is to walk away from that.

Haggai 2:7

7 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

He is interested in our welfare and warns us in different ways and forms. If we are connected to this world, the powers of the air will influence our spirit and our life.

If we live in the ways of God, the devil will not be able to harass us.

God is challenging us. All of us are experiencing the same chaos that is happening in the world. But God has given us a pathway to walk. Are we walking in that path?

The systems of this world is a system of stress, greed, covetousness, spirit of poverty.

Everything that comes from heaven has to do with the formation of the person. God wants to bless us and we must keep God's ways. God is shaking every nation so that they won't compromise in the last days.

The devil knows the time is short and he is accelerating.

The power to make wealth is not according to our skills. Skills alone can cause us to do things in accordance to our own ways. But skills with the ways of God brings wealth.

Luke 16:9

9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

We have to fight this battle alone. The way things come to us is for us alone. Everyone must fight their own battles.

The Spiritual timing is now. Before the Lean Cow comes in fully, our lives will be totally changed.

## **What Must Be Done?**

In the times of plenty, we should have saved more. But most people seem to buy more.

Whatever we use money, we use it from the profit and not from the capital.

We must believe every word that was spoken to us in our heart.

The Covid disrupted everything. And yet in the midst of all these, God's promises fulfilled.

Ask God to restore us for the seven years. The seven years of plenty has come and gone. May God give us the harvest, the course that needs to be taken will be taken. If we miss the time, we will miss the harvest.

Nothing will happen in our lives if God does not permit it. If we have captured the word, the word will uphold us.

Sometimes the word come to us and gave us unique experiences. God brings the word and gives us life and we will know what to do. If what we interpreted is wrong, then we will build things wrong. And the glory will not come down.

Take God's word and act upon it. When God sends us the revelation, others won't know because the revelation is for us. The reason why many things don't profit us because we don't mix it with faith.

Reading the bible is not discipline. It's love because we love God and His word. Coming to church is not a discipline. Why we have to work so hard to come to church? It should be a love for His house and a joy to serve Him.

If we want to make it in life, receive God's word with a clean heart. Yield ourselves and make things happen.

## **1. Become diligence and maximize what we have received and entrusted with**

We have all the money but we must buy the right things to bring us to the future. We must invest in things that can bring us to the future.

## **2. Cut down and cut out unnecessary expenses.**

It is not about the spending of money but the managing.

It is time to conserve and consolidate. If we don't stay with Him but take the money and run, we will be considered as a thief.

## **3. Remove all our investments from unprofitable ground.**

Don't try to resuscitate bad business or investments.

## **4. Come out clean from ungodly relationships and partnership**

## **5. Restructure our business.**

If God wants us to do the business, He will give us the brains and test it through.

## **6. Forgo indulgence today**

Labor in the Spirit of sacrifice.

## **7. Stay focus on God's purpose for our life.**

Even when we don't know, God will show us. If we know, God will explain better to us. Stay focus on God. Keep our heart fixed in God. Do things without betraying Christ. Adjust and align our thinking pattern to what God has.

IF WE ARE IN THIS SITUATION, WHAT MUST WE DO

## **8. Discern the change of season and change of strategy.**

What we sell during Chinese New Year cannot be sold during Christmas. Different season has different flavors. We must think and ask God if the season has changed?

Expansion during the Lean Years will become slower. We cannot move very fast. Businesses will pick up slowly. Ask ourselves how long we want to do this. We have too many workers with less work, what do we do?

Things may be slow but don't get discouraged. Find out what God wants and talk to people in the church who are doing well. We cannot do the same thing all the time. Things have changed. Change the strategy.

When the word of God comes to us, respond properly so that it can affect every aspect of our lives.

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

We must look at God's word as active, sharper, living, piercing, dividing soul and spirit and able to judge and confront us.

Hebrews 6:5

5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

The word of God is very important. When we hear, hear with two ears. It is so easy to misunderstand what is being said.