

“What does this have to do with Preparing for a Crisis?”

Happy July 4th, 2019, Independence Day! So, I never know what is too much; whether something I share adds to or detracts from your understanding of the message of Hope, or what is just too confusing. But this week I had an opportunity to share with a man who truly tries to do the right thing. The question is: “What does this have to do with preparing for a crisis?” You see, he is someone from our past who helped us at a time of our great need—he had the answers we needed to hear, some, we didn’t want to receive. As he shared his knowledge and understanding to help us, we shared with him our concerns of growing threats in the world, the looming crisis we were preparing for, and told him about the website and our latest addition, “Practical Prepping God’s Way.” That was August, 2016. As far as I know, he didn’t understand the message of the looming crisis, but the seeds had been planted. He contacted us the other day—he was starting to see unfolding what we had shared with him a few years earlier. He has done some very good things/made very good decisions by the world’s ways. He has bought 10 acres. He has a plan. His plan is to pay off all his debt, except for his mortgage and then sell his house and build on the 10 acres. This is a very good plan, but there is one area that concerned me that I pointed out. What if the crisis comes before your plans are fulfilled. You see, this is the way of many folks’ thinking. This is the way that we have been programmed. I haven’t read the book, but the title says it all, “One Second After,” by William Fortschen. What happens one second after—there will be no building a house or if so, how difficult will it be? How about drilling a well? We have been shown, more times that I can imagine to count, from my writings that: “life as lived it will cease.” Not that all of us are leaving the planet, but the ones staying will have to learn to live their lives a new way.

The problem as I see it is this. Our thinking is skewed when it comes to a crisis. First, we must look at Noah. Noah took with him on the ark not only what he needed for the journey, but what he needed to start all over again. I think as we prepare for the “crisis,” our thinking is most driven by fear associated with the event, but we must look further—we must look to beyond—how will we begin living a new way of life? The other problem is we are so focused by “fear” that we don’t see we need to be separating ourselves from the way we live our life currently to the way we will live our life in the future. I have a sticky note by the computer that says, “if we want the Lord’s help, we have to get our eyes off ourselves and circumstances and focus on Him with thanksgiving and Praise.” Now, some folks think we are “out of here—in a Rapture,” but I believe we have work to do or that is what I have been shown. I believe there is a great time of Harvest coming, but we must be ready. And to be ready, we must start preparing for even beyond the crisis—just like Noah did.

Second, we must look at the Israelites. After all, there is so much to glean from their wilderness journey as has been shown on this website. I have met folks who believe that God will do all these miracles and they need not prepare. Was that the case for Noah? Furthermore, we have to understand why our loving/caring Father in Heaven, would allow such destruction and devastation to happen to us. I truly believe we have lost our way. How can anyone look at the current state of the people of our nation and not say we haven’t lost our way. As I read my own writings, could it be that man with his selfish self-centered addictive nature and nuclear weapons has the ability to destroy the entire planet? Do we know God’s plan for now? We can only speculate. Think about all the souls that have still not come into God’s Kingdom. So, I believe a course correction will come as in 2nd Chronicles 7:14. Too many that I have the capability to imagine may be leaving the planet, but for Jubilee, the Lord has shown us there is much work to be done—to share Hope during the midst of the crisis. We have a wilderness journey before us. I guess we will be staying. So for those of us who are planning on staying, we must prepare.

To prepare, our programming has to change. We have to “change the channel” and tune down the ways we live our lives as the “ways of the world’s system;” eliminate the static, so we can hear the Lord and the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Remember, “God’s ways are not our ways.” There are many ways of releasing resources to obtain what we need. The vacation that folks have planned for the Summer comes with a cost. How about the cable TV bill?* What other luxuries can we part with? Our mortgage is to be paid off in 2030. If we are making double/extra payments on our mortgage or other debts to pay them off early, could we put those “extra” resources in gathering in what we need? I’m not saying not to pay any bills that are due; just look to see if you really need to pay them off early? Will we pay off our mortgage due to be paid in full in 2030? What is the Lord showing us? When we look at the Israelites, we know that they took the wealth of Egypt with them into their wilderness journey. What they needed, they took. Where else can we find the resources we need to prepare? What is amazing to me is folks are trusting that the Lord is going to provide for them, miraculously, in the midst of the crisis, but they tend to never mention the way He is helping them, now, to prepare while there are resources available for them that they will need. I can only speculate that they are not asking Him.

I want to share another concern I have in our logic. The crisis is being allowed so that our hearts can be cleansed and purified of our selfish self-centered natures, so we can be/do what the Creator created us to be/do, as in “the Path to Overflowing Hope.” If we are looking to miracles to save us, could it be that is our selfish self-centered nature’s thinking? The process, before us, is allowed to strip us of all we think we are, all we think we are to be—basically everything about us is stripped away and when we are emptied, then God will refill us with what He desired for us in the first place. It is a very painful process. But we have the opportunity, now, of preparing for the difficulties while there are resources to gather in. But, we have to change our thinking; give up/sacrifice so we can obtain what we need to not only endure the crisis, but start a new life all over again. We can’t do it on our own. We have to have the Lord’s help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. But, first we have to take the first steps of sacrifice; to change our programming from “bless me!” to “Lord, help me so I have what I need in order to be/do what You desire me to be/do.”

I’m sorry, I can’t tell you when a crisis will come; I can tell you that it is coming. Just look at the condition of the world and our nation. But when the difficulties come, we must be ready in order to be/do what the Creator has created the creation to be/do. We have the lessons of Noah and the lessons of the Israelites and so many others of God’s ways. We aren’t asking you to do anything that we haven’t already done. Examine every aspect of your life and you will be amazed at what the Lord will reveal. And I always find it interesting that when I take a step of Faith, then the Lord reveals to me what I didn’t know, but I always have to take a step first. (I didn’t know to write this article until I took the opportunity to share with “a voice from my past.”) God promises to never leave us nor forsake us, but we may not like the accommodations along the way. We don’t want to be a refugee; we don’t want to go to an isolation camp. We have chosen to follow the Lord and the leading of the Holy Spirit, for years now in this area of preparing for a crisis, and it is amazing what is provided and we needed that we didn’t even know existed. So, when you are looking at making a decision/spending your resources, ask yourself, “What does this have to do with preparing for a crisis?” Then decide. Remember, one second after, is just too late.

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*Note: We purchased a little box for under \$50 called ROKU (Google—Buy ROKU.) It attaches to our TV and our Internet. We don’t have Cable TV. Our entertainment is provided through ROKU. But also with ROKU, we receive the YouTube channels. We watch “Homestead” type channels as most folks watch TV from their couch. We are so inspired as we watch folks, like you and me, on these “Homestead” type channels who are already making a transition from the “world’s ways” of living their lives to living their life as what some of them call “freedom.,” and the Bible calls, “life lived more abundantly.”

As part of “preparing,” we can learn a great deal by watching these folks and learning how to garden, home can foods, raise all kinds of animals, build a barn, the importance of having raised beds, harvesting chickens, just everything you need to know. We take notes and research and even buy books to help us know how to do what we have never done. Even though we have had backyard chickens for a few years, through watching these folks on YouTube we decided to buy Quail. (I think it is interesting God sent Quail to the Israelites in the desert.) But anyway, we learned to buy the Quail eggs from Amazon, to purchase an incubator, how to operate the incubator as the “Homestead” folks were doing the same. They taught us how to cull the Roosters (which we could not bring ourselves to do with our chickens,) and now we raise a few Quail in our garage. And, you can too. Their eggs are very nutritious, small, but taste like chicken eggs. You can learn anything and everything from folks by watching YouTube.

As far as living our lives a new way, seek what you love to do. What is it you have always wanted to do and start learning and become an expert. As John Paul Jackson taught us, paraphrased, “we all have in us something that will help another—discover what that is.” Be empowered. Be inspired. Tune into the “Homestead” way of living. Learn everything you can learn. To grow vegetables takes more effort than placing a seed in the ground—learn from those who have successes/experts.

How valuable will these skills be as we make the transition from “what was” to the “New Day?” Even if you don’t think you have the room—you live in an apartment, you can watch, you can learn, you can research and take notes. As you tune down the “world’s ways” of living your life, you will be amazed at how the Lord is blessing you in all aspects of your life. There is great abundance to gather in all around—knowledge/a perfected skill is powerful. Be empowered so you can empower someone else. Be a Blessing! And then watch how the Lord Blesses you!!! And you will see there are miracles happening all around you.