

## *Fresh Oil Releases*

### Trusting the Wind

Last Friday while attending a home prayer group, the Lord gave me a vision and message which I would like to share as I know it is for the wider Body of Christ as well at this time. It came in two parts.

I saw a number of small boats bobbing on an expanse of water. Their sails were full of wind and they were tied to the wooden jetty by strong ropes. The instruction came from the Lord that these ropes represented the things in our lives that give our security and peace of mind. The rope is made of many strands and secures the boat strongly to the shore so that the people in the boats feel safe. They are content to bob about and enjoy the shallow waters and the wind blowing in their hair. The Lord said that we all need to personally untie those ropes right now and stop putting our trust in the strands of that rope to give us safety and connection to solid ground. The wind of the Spirit is blowing stronger every day and unless we let go and once and for all place our trust in the Lord, we will not be able to travel to the deep places in God that He has charted for us. The time is past for bobbing in the shallows and placing our trust in material things, things tangible and measurable and countable, or in people. We must choose at this time to surrender to God's will and the direction of the Holy Wind that is blowing. We must choose to let go of fear and embrace faith in our faithful God and not put our trust in the earthly any longer. The rope speaks of our desire to be in control of our circumstances and even our spiritual experiences. We can feel the wind and move about slightly but we are SAFE and know the parameters of the shallows and its depth. If we capsize, we can stand on our own two feet!

Then the Lord reminded us of the disciples whom Jesus instructed to get into a boat and go to the other side - and then the storm arose and they were terrified even though Jesus was in the boat. Yet He had spoken and said they were going to the other side and His word to them was fulfilled ultimately. Even so, the word God has given to you will be fulfilled. So do not be afraid of launching out into the deep; do not be afraid of undoing that rope and trusting completely in His spoken Word to you; do not be afraid of storm that WILL come because Jesus is in your boat and is so confident of arriving at your destination that He goes to sleep. At the appointed time He will arise and speak peace to that storm and immediately you will find yourself at your destination and the fulfillment of every promise He has spoken over you.

We continued to worship as a group and deliberately surrendered and let go of everything the Spirit brought to mind that represented our individual ropes. Then the second part of the vision unfolded. I saw the boats that had untied their ropes in the distance far from the shore, moving rapidly towards the horizon and in the foreground the waves were whipped up by a very strong wind and they were crashing on the shore. Then a giant fist came down like the head of a judge's hammer and it smashed the little wooden jetty to pieces. Every boat that was still tied to that jetty was violently affected and dragged under the water and suffered great damage but every boat that was out in the deep water was unaffected and safe. Yes, the waves were very high and the wind was very strong but their boats were directed and moved over the treacherous surface of the water without incident because they had surrendered to the will of the Wind.

Then I understood that God's instruction for each to untie their ropes was because of His mercy and

kindness. He knew what was coming very soon to that jetty. He knew that the rickety wooden man-made structure would provide no protection or safety in the day the Judge's hammer crashed down. He knew that all who had their trust in tangible things and who had plaited their own rope of security, in whatever form they specifically needed to feel safe and in control, would be violently affected in that day. Because of His great mercy and love for His children He instructs us to let go now; to surrender now and put our trust completely in Him Who calls the wind out of it's storehouse.

The Holy Spirit also quickened a scripture reference:

*Psa 107:25 For **He** commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea. Psa 107:26 They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths; their courage melts away because of their plight. Psa 107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end - all their wisdom has come to nothing.*

The storm that is even now brewing is for the purpose of bringing man to the end of his own wisdom. It is designed to cause people to stop leaning upon their own understanding and running to their idols of wood and stone to seek counsel. It is tailor-made to cause them to cry out to the Lord and to return to the fear of God.

*Psa 107:28 And they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distress. Psa 107:29 He makes the storm a calm, so that its waves of the sea are still. Psa 107:30 And they are glad because of the calm; so He brings them to their desired haven. Psa 107:31 Let them praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the sons of man!*

The storm is designed to ultimately cause people to have a testimony and to praise the Lord for His goodness and works on their behalf! THIS is why the storm is set in motion! The judgments of God are fully prepared and the hammer is poised to fall, thus setting in motion the full impact of what is presently held in reserve. There is little time to quickly untie that rope and surrender our lives and our futures and the lives of our families into the hands of the Lord. Wherever we have placed more trust in people or things, we have entered into idolatry. Let us repent and turn our hearts to fully trust the Lord now before the full force of the storm hits. Time is short. The wind of the Spirit has already filled our sails and He is hasty to move us along His appointed path through the sea. It is His love that urges us to put ourselves fully in His hand at this time and to not be afraid. Its up to us now to untie that rope and let it go. Trust Him.

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