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Moments

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I AM. I AM Jehovah, the eternally existent one. I exist beyond all finite things including time. While I am beyond time, time is an expression of who I AM. Time expresses the order by which I created the universe. In time, the heavens declare My honor.

Even as My attributes are timeless, My Son has entered the time/space world to reveal the fullness of My nature, to bring you into the realm of My Spirit, and to open the gates of eternal life. He who transcends time in the fullness of time became subject to time and demonstrated how to live eternally in the context of time.

My Word is timeless (always true) and timely (applicable to the moment). Even as the Word with Me took on human form and dwelt among humanity, so the timeless truth of My Word speaks in the human mind and heart and reveals Me in the context of daily life.

My Spirit is timeless (always now) and timely (prompting individuals what to do in the moment) to cause all things to work together for good for those that love me and respond to My call upon their heart.

Time is my blessing for you to order your life—for work and rest, for labor and for Sabbath. Time is a framework for transformation unto My likeness. It is a framework for patience and longsuffering. It is a framework for hope and faith, for trust and obedience. For everything there is a time and a season.

Honor time: you have a continual supply of time coming to you. Make the most of the opportunities I appoint for you at specific times. Those experiences of kairos (appointed time) take you into the realm of the spirit beyond the awareness of chronos (measured time as with a clock for minutes, hours, and days).

While I speak to you in terms of time (years, eras, generations), I AM the same across all time; I change not. Yet in your relationship with Me through time, I progressively reveal My nature and transform My people more and more fully unto My purposes.

I give wisdom to understand the times that you may serve Me in your generation, yet I call you to focus on living in My kingdom—an ever present, timeless, call to timely obedience. Seek more to obey what you know to be My will than to calculate what may be My appointed times.

(Confirming scriptures: Genesis 1:5; 2:2; Exodus 3:14; Psalm 19:1-6; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Malachi 3:16; John 1:1-2, 14; 6:63; 8:58; Acts 1:6-8; 13:36; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 5:16; II Peter 1:5-11)



Theme for 2009

In late 2007, the Lord led Teaching The Word Ministries to embrace ***“Through turbulence, insistently pursuing the beauty of the Lord”*** (Ps. 27:4) for the coming year of 2008.

As the year unfolded, the word *turbulence* became a buzzword frequently repeated by leaders and by the media. Turbulence was experienced in significant ways on the personal level, in the ministry, in our nation, and in the world. We experienced a greater capacity to grow through the turbulence as we were diligent to persistently look for, behold, and meditate on the beauty of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe this theme will continue to be relevant in the coming year as the theme for 2009 builds upon it.

As we sought the Lord this fall, we believe He was alerting us to an important dynamic that provides the context for a new theme:

“In 2009, the Church in the US will face a pervasive crisis that is unprecedented in its history. It will parallel, but exceed the economic/political/social turmoil that will engulf the world and will be used by the Lord to test and refine his people.”

In other words, in addition to continuing worldwide turbulence, the American Church will face a significant time of testing and refining. We believe the Lord is highlighting this not to stir up fear, but *faith* – He has a beneficial purpose for what He will take us through.

The key to navigating the days ahead is found in the three components of our theme for 2009, ***“Walk circumspectly as wise children of light, proving what is pleasing to the Lord”***:

- Walk *circumspectly*. (To be circumspect is to be ***prudent***: *taking into consideration all possible circumstances and consequences before acting correctly, accurately, consistently, or perfectly*)
- As wise *children of light*. Giving no place to any form of darkness. *Proving* what is pleasing to the Lord. Living in such a way that the Lord’s pleasure is evident in the fruit of our choices and actions.

We encourage you to prayerfully read through and meditate on Ephesians 4-6, especially 5:8-18 and allow the Holy Spirit to deepen your understanding of what He is speaking to the Church for the coming year. Together we’ll pass the tests, manifest more of the life of Christ in our midst, and prove what is truly pleasing to Him.

