

**BE INTENTIONAL**  
**GOD IS CREATING IN US A KINGDOM LIFESTYLE THROUGH**  
**RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM**

THE LORD SPOKE TO ME THIS MORNING AT 5AM AND HE SAID, “MELINDA, I WANT YOU TO BE MORE INTENTIONAL IN YOUR LIFE. STOP BUMBLING ALONG IN YOUR LIFE!”

YOU ARE NOT AN ORDINARY PERSON. YOU AND I ARE NOT AN ORDINARY PERSON BUMBLING AROUND OUT THERE IN LIFE.

YOU ARE A KINGDOM ADVANCER.

YOU ARE THE REMNANT BRIDE

YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER (OR SON) OF THE MOST HIGH GOD

YOU ARE A SPIRIT LIVING IN A FLESH BODY

YOU ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, HOLY NATION. (1 PETER 2:9)

STOP BUMBLING THROUGH TRIALS! BE INTENTIONAL. YOU’RE IN A PASSOVER SEASON – A CROSSING OVER SEASON – CROSSING OVER INTO THE NEW – INTO THE PROMISED LAND – INTO A KINGDOM LIFESTYLE THROUGH A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ME!

GOD IS CREATING IN US A KINGDOM LIFESTYLE THROUGH RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. FOR SOME TIME NOW WE HAVE BEEN HOSTING HIS PRESENCE. HIS FOCUS FOR US HAS BEEN ON INTIMACY WITH HIM, GOING DEEPER INTO THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

TRIALS – WHAT ARE THEIR PURPOSES?

**JAMES 1:2-4: <sup>2</sup> My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties, see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested<sup>[a]</sup> it stirs up in you the power of endurance. <sup>4</sup> And then as your endurance grows even stronger, it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.**

1 PETER 5:10 <sup>10</sup> And then, after your brief suffering,<sup>[a]</sup> the God of all loving grace, who has called you to share in his eternal glory in Christ,<sup>[b]</sup> will personally and powerfully restore you and make you stronger than ever. Yes, he will set you firmly in place and build you up.<sup>[c]</sup>

1 PETER 4:12-13: Beloved friends, if life gets extremely difficult, with many tests,<sup>[a]</sup> don't be bewildered as though something strange were overwhelming you.<sup>[b]</sup> 13 Instead, continue to rejoice, for you, in a measure, have shared in the sufferings of the Anointed One so that you can share in the revelation of his glory and celebrate with even greater gladness!

ROMANS 5: 3-5: <sup>3</sup> But that's not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures<sup>[a]</sup> will develop in us patient endurance. <sup>4</sup> And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. <sup>5</sup> And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy,<sup>[b]</sup> because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 3-4: <sup>3</sup> All praises belong to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he is the Father of tender mercy and the God of endless comfort.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup> He always comes alongside us to comfort us in every suffering so that we can come alongside those who are in any painful trial. We can bring them this same comfort that God has poured out upon us.

ISAIAH 41:10: Do not yield to fear, for I am always near.

Never turn your gaze from me,<sup>[a]</sup> for I am your faithful God.

I will infuse you with my strength  
and help you in every situation.<sup>[b]</sup>

I will hold you firmly with my victorious right hand.'

## TYPES OF TRIALS:

### A. OTHERS BRING ON YOU

- 1) STOLEN TRUCK
- 2) IDENTITY THEFT
- 3) CREDIT CARD THEFT
- 4) POOR BUSINESS RELATIONS

### B. YOU BRING TRIALS ON YOURSELF

- 1) ENABLING SOMEONE
- 2) REPRECUSIONS FROM SOME ACTION OF YOURS
- 3) CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS

### C. WORLD IS FULL OF TROUBLE

- 1) JOHN 16:33 IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION BUT BE OF GOOD COURAGE I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD
- 2) JOB 5:7 YET MAN IS BORN TO TROUBLE SURELY AS SPARKS FLY UPWARD.
- 3) LIFE IS A BOWL OF CHERRIES BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PITS?
- 4) EVERYONE IN THE EARTH ENDURES TRIALS – UNSAVED & SAVED ALIKE **BUT** WE ARE NOT ORDINARY.

## GOD WANTS TO BE WITH US IN THE TRIAL.

ROMANS 8:28: So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good,<sup>[a]</sup> for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13: We all experience<sup>[a]</sup> times of testing,<sup>[b]</sup> which is normal for every human being. But God will be faithful to you. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face<sup>[c]</sup> so that you can bear it. And each test is an opportunity to trust him more, for along with every trial God has provided for you a way of escape<sup>[d]</sup> that will bring you out of it victoriously.

PSALM 55:22: So here's what I've learned through it all: Leave all your cares and anxieties at the feet of the Lord, and measureless grace will strengthen you.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13: I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH. VERSE 19: And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

ISAIAH 43:2: When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

GOD IS CREATING IN US A KINGDOM LIFESTYLE THROUGH RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

A) HE MEETS US TO SHOW US WHO HE IS – SO THAT IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTY – IN THE VALLEY OF SHADOW OF DEATH WE FEAR NO EVIL BECAUSE WE KNOW HE IS WITH US

B) HE MEETS US TO SHOW US WHO WE ARE – OUR VALUE OUR PURPOSE – TO BE CONFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST – OUR HIGHEST CALLING

1) CONFORMED – TO BE IN AGREEMENT OR HARMONY – TO BE OBEDIENT TO ANOTHER'S WISHES – TO BE THE SAME AS; TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE W/PREVAILING STANDARDS

2) HOW ARE BE CONFORMED TO HIS IMAGE? ONE WAY – TRIALS – JAMES 1: 3-4 **when your faith is tested<sup>[a]</sup> it stirs up in you the power of endurance. <sup>4</sup> And then as your endurance grows even stronger, it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.**

GOD IS GETTING US READY TO GO TO WAR IN THE SPRING.

A) IT'S KEY FOR US TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO NAVIGATE HARDSHIP, DIFFICULTIES, TRIALS W/A KINGDOM MINDSET.

B) BE INTENTIONAL – DELIBERATE – PURPOSEFUL – ASK THE LORD “JESUS, WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THIS SITUATION? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH IN THIS? WHAT ATTITUDE DO I NEED TO CHANGE OR WHAT ATTITUDE DO I NEED TO HAVE? DO I NEED TO REPENT? WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO? HOW SHOULD I PRAY, PROPHECY, & DECREE IN THIS SITUATION?

REMEMBER, DID HE NOT SAY: **'I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE'**

