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I'll begin by reading from Numbers 21:4–9.

“The journey from Mount Horeb by the way of the Red Sea—to go around the land of Edom—and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.”

I know many of you recognize that feeling.

Sometimes I walk through seasons and get discouraged myself—because I forget what Jesus has already done for me.

Yet look: they still had manna every day!

The fire of the Lord was still with them.

Their clothes didn't wear out.

Their shoes lasted 40 years!

And still, they complained:

“Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?

There's no food, no water—and our soul loathes this worthless bread!”

They were saying, “Oh, we have to eat manna every day... it’s so boring!

We need spicy food, sweets, candies!”

But I remind myself—and you—Jesus is everything.

Don’t trade His daily provision for temporary cravings.

Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among them. Many died.

The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned...

Pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents.”

And this hits me: as a leader, I must pray for people.

I must seek the Lord for a way forward.

So the Lord told Moses:

“Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole. Everyone who is bitten—when he looks at it—shall live.”

Moses made a bronze serpent and lifted it up.

And whoever looked lived.

This is a powerful picture for me.

From the beginning, the devil came as a serpent and brought sin.

But here, centuries before Calvary, God gave a prophetic sign: Jesus would carry all sin, sickness, and judgment on the cross.

So when I look to Jesus—when I fix my eyes on His finished work—I am healed.

I am delivered.

I walk in His glory.

This wasn't just for Israel. God's plan was wider. He always intended for Gentiles like me—non-Jews—to receive these same blessings.

That's why I love reading Isaiah 42:1–9, where God says:

“Behold My Servant...

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My Elect One in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him, and He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.”

Yes—to me, to you, to Norway, Africa, America—we are the “coastlands” waiting for His law.

And when Jesus walked on earth, He didn’t shout or draw crowds.

Remember the woman caught in adultery?

Everyone screamed for her death—but Jesus was silent.

Then He said gently, “Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.”

He doesn’t break the bruised reed.

He doesn’t quench the smoldering wick.

He restores the weak—just like me when I’m broken.

And He came not just for Jews, but as a covenant to the Gentiles.

God declared:

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“I will give you as a light to the Gentiles—to open blind eyes, to bring prisoners out of darkness.”

That’s why I’m so careful: I will never bow before statues, relics, “holy bones,” or images in churches.

That’s idolatry—and God says, “My glory I will not give to another.”

Then in Ezekiel 36:26–30, God promises:

“I will give you a new heart... a new spirit... I will put My Spirit within you... I will deliver you from all uncleanness... I will call for the grain and multiply it... no famine shall be upon you.”

Some call this “prosperity gospel”—but to me, it’s a clear promise from Almighty God.

And I’ve seen it!

My wife and I once had a small farm—horses, ducks, a few tomato plants.

But we took in a widow whose husband had died by suicide, and her terrified son.

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We cared for them. Loved our neighbor.

And then—miracle of multiplication:

Our 10 tomato plants overflowed.

Cucumbers grew bigger than my arm.

Grass grew so tall that when I drove the tractor, my wife could only see my head above it!

We stored hay everywhere—and our horses ate it until Christmas!

I call this “the art of multiplication.”

When God gives me a new heart and new spirit, He multiplies everything I touch.

So now, when I pray, I say:

“Lord, You promised!

Speak to the grain. Speak to the fruit. Multiply what I steward.

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I release Your blessing over my land, my work, my hands.”

And I know it’s working—because He’s faithful.

I also hold fast to Joel 2:28–32:

“I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh... Your sons and daughters shall prophesy... old men dream dreams... young men see visions... even on My male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit.”

This isn’t just for pastors—it’s for me, you, the mechanic, the teacher, the student.

And living water flows through me—not just on Sundays, but in my workplace, my attitude, my daily walk.

It doesn’t flow into people’s minds first—it flows into their spirits.

My life, my peace, my joy in Jesus—that’s the living water that convicts hearts.

Even the blood moons on Jewish feasts?

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Yes, they've signaled judgment on Israel in history—but for me, as a believer, it's a sign the Spirit is being poured out!

I don't fear it—I rejoice! “The Lord is moving! Get ready!”

And “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”—that's my assurance.

Now—Isaiah 53. This chapter is so powerful, it's forbidden to read publicly in many parts of Israel. If I try, they'll beat me, spit on me—call it blasphemy—because Isaiah 53 shows Jesus so clearly.

It says:

“He has no form or comeliness... no beauty we should desire Him... despised and rejected... a man of sorrows... He bore our griefs... carried our sorrows... wounded for our transgressions... by His stripes we are healed.”

I proclaim that over my own body:

“In Jesus' stripes, I am healed—I was healed 2,000 years ago!”

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I've tested it.

Once, in Mozambique, I got malaria—fever, vomiting, diarrhea.

No medicine. No vaccine—I don't trust in them; I trust in Jesus.

For three days, I was sick. But I commanded it:

“Fever, you have no right here!

Malaria, I curse you—leave my body in Jesus' name!”

After three days—totally healed! No pills. No doctors. Just faith in His finished work.

And when it says:

“All we like sheep have gone astray... the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all...”

—I know my sins are gone. Not because of my fasting or good works—but because Jesus bore them all.

He didn't open His mouth when mocked.

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He prayed: “Father, forgive them—they don’t know what they’re doing.”

That’s my example.

When persecuted, I choose forgiveness.

And yes—He was buried with the rich, though He “made His grave with the wicked”—fulfilled exactly.

"It pleased the Lord to bruise Him..."

Not my effort—His sacrifice justifies me.

And “He makes intercession for the transgressors”—meaning Jesus prayed for me even before I believed!

That’s love.

Now, in Colossians 2:1–14, Paul writes:

“I struggle for you... that your hearts may be encouraged... rooted in Christ... full of wisdom and knowledge... so no one deceives you.”

I take that seriously.

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I refuse to mix Jesus with New Age, yoga, Eastern mysticism, or African witchcraft.

You cannot mix oil and water!

In Christ, I am complete.

He is head over every ruler—even my nation's president.

And when I was baptized, I was buried with Christ.

Not just symbolically—spiritually.

My old self was crucified. My sins were nailed to the cross.

Don't tell me, "The thief on the cross wasn't baptized!"

He lived under the Old Covenant—before Jesus died, before the New Covenant began.

I live now—after the cross—so I obey Jesus in baptism.

And God has forgiven me everything.

The record of debt? Nailed to the cross.

So every day, I walk in this truth:

- I have a new heart.
- I have a new spirit.
- The Lord blesses the work of my hands—whether farming, teaching, or fixing cars.
- I have authority in Christ—over sickness, fear, lies, demons.
- I am ruling with Him.

But with that comes responsibility.

I don't pray for "everyone."

I pray for the people God has specifically entrusted to me—my family, my ministry, the Springs Of Revival network.

Like Paul said: "Your blood is on my hands."

I take that to heart. I must be faithful.

So I urge you:

Stay rooted in Christ.

Don't be deceived by fancy words or online lies.

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- Let Jesus guard you.
- Let Him fight for you.
- Receive your daily bread... your living water... your healing... your purpose.

Because I am who I am by His grace—and He is faithful to complete what He started in me.

God bless you.