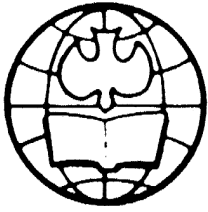


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## WHAT NOW?

By: Retha Garten

I am writing this newsletter in early January **after** the national election outcome and results in the Georgia senate race, and the aftermath of a few angry people in D.C.

What a year 2020 has been in so many unexpected and evil ways. I certainly don't need to review all the happenings from last year. The ruinous, unnecessary, invasion and overrun of the capital in D.C. was a disgrace and never should have happened. No matter who each person was and their reasoning involved in this overrun, virtually millions of conservative citizens who had no part or approval of this overrun will, very likely, be blamed.

This newsletter is, I think, without doubt, is the most difficult one I've written. Our nation is in a scary place, and I am aware of no one who saw it coming. Of course, there is One who saw it all ages ago and told us in His Word what the outcome would be. It is crystal clear. *"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting"* Galatians 6:7-8. Of course, this has the meaning of salvation, but I think it has a secondary meaning—throughout the Bible—that our everyday life and activities—good or bad—will have the same type of results. (See Romans 2:4-16). Gardeners and farmers know and have experienced that the seeds they plant in the ground will bring the very same harvest. How we missed it in America!

Many leaders, almost with glee, have for years kicked God and His Holy Word out of virtually every area of this nation. Even more sadly, some pastors have ignored or diluted the Word of God to please



and tickle the ears of their people. Yet, too many who call themselves Christians have gone on their merry way expecting different results and believing God will still bless us. You just read His Word says He is not deceived by it all. We just don't seem to get it that we cannot go on sinning by living our life the way we want to and expect wonderful results.

What now? I think the next verses of Galatians 6 tell us exactly what to do right now in the midst of America's reaping her results in evil sowing. *"And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"* verses 9 and 10.

My problem is with *the due season* and *"faint not."* Oh, I don't mean fainting away, but waiting

# To Encourage You...

## *Excerpts from* **Solemn Prophetic Warning**

by Stanley Frodsham, 1975



Retha Garten

### **The Way of Deceivers**

Be not deceived, for the deceiver will first work to gain the hearts of many and then shall bring forth his insidious doctrines. You cannot discern those who are of Me and those who are not of Me when they start to preach. But seek Me constantly, and then when these doctrines are brought out, you shall have a witness in your heart that these are not of Me. The life of the minister of righteousness shall agree with the Word, and his lips shall give forth that which is wholly true, and it will be no mixture...Therefore, I exhort and command you to study the Scriptures relative to seducing spirits, for this is one of the great dangers of these last days. I desire you to be firmly established in My Word, and not in the personalities of men, that you will not be moved as so many shall be moved.

### **The Way of Triumph**

I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly, that you may triumph where I triumphed. On the cross I triumphed over all the power of satan, and I have called you to walk the same path...Fret not for I have given you power whereby you may tread down the powers of darkness and come forth victoriously...My life shall flow through you as you enter into these precious truths. Look unto Me, and appropriate My life.

(Reprint from Sept/Oct 2020.newsletter..still so true)



and not seeing for years the results we would like.

Maybe you can tell I'm a little fired up. I love my nation and I am alarmed at what I see happening to it and in it. We live **in** America, but we do not have to be **of** it, and partake of its evils. Apostle Paul admonished us, I—and all we believers—must believe and stand on the words written in Hebrews 13:5-6 and 8, NKJV “*Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you,’ so that we may boldly say: ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’ Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, and today and forever.*”

Those are the never-failing statements from God's Word that we stand on no matter what we see going on in America. Apostle Paul urges us with his words, “*Therefore I exhort (encourage) first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior*” I Timothy 2:1-3.

As you know, we have heard a lot of prophetic voices and books written this year, many proclaiming that President Trump would easily be elected to a second term. We believers must be careful that we follow the biblical guidelines and “*do not despise prophecies,*” and apostle Paul goes on to write, “*test all things*” I Thessalonians 5:20-21. That being said, I believe I speak for many who have been deeply disappointed by words from today's prophets...and there are some great ones.

I have offered in this newsletter a couple of Jeremiah Johnson's books. I believe he is a true prophet today and hears from Holy Spirit. He has written a 14 page letter to supporters. Hear his heart as I quote part of this letter for your consideration. “*My Public Apology and Process. Dear Saints and Leaders, I have submitted this letter to senior, respected national leaders in the Body who have now given their approval to publicly release it. I am also currently in relationship with local church elders where I reside who I greatly value and believe are essential for accountability in my life, marriage, and ministry. We have dialogued, prayed, and I continue to receive their instructions and corrections. I have learned some very hard and valuable lessons throughout this process and I intend to be as transparent as possible in the following remarks...My aim in this public apology is twofold. First, I would like to repent for inaccurately*

prophesying that Donald Trump would win a second term as the President of the United States. I refuse to blame the saints and say, 'It didn't come to pass because they did not pray enough.' Nor will I proclaim, 'Donald Trump actually won, so I was right, but now it has been stolen from him.' I believe the first statement seeks to alleviate the prophetic messenger from the responsibility of what he prophesied, and the second statement is filled with potential pride and an unwillingness to humble himself and admit he was wrong. I want to go on record: 'I was wrong, I am deeply sorry, and I ask for your forgiveness.' I specifically want to apologize to any believer in whom I have now caused potential doubt concerning the voice of God and His ability to speak to His people. As a human being, I missed what God was saying; however, rest assured, God Himself is NOT a liar and His written Word should always be the foundation and source of our lives as Christians. Second...I believe I was given an assignment to help the body of Christ prophetically discern the plans God had for Donald Trump. However, my mandate has and will always be focused on preparing the Bride of Christ, for the return of our Bridegroom King Jesus Christ. I have intentionally recorded my encounters concerning Donald Trump publicly for accountability purposes over the last five years..." His letter goes on for some 13 more pages and relates words, dreams and visions from the Lord, especially regarding President Trump.

We know that there was alleged widespread fraud in many state and national elections, but there is no benefit derived from going over and over and over it again. Our responsibility as God's children is to go on. God is still on His throne, owns this world and

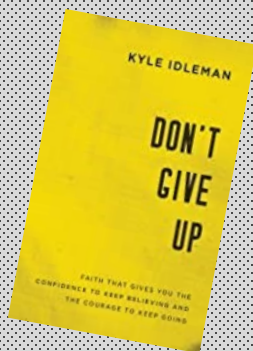
through Jesus will be the Triumphant King of kings and Lord of lords in the end.

Meanwhile, we do what we can for His kingdom where we are. As I've mentioned to the small group of contributors to this ministry when sending their thank-you letters, for years we have provided a Christmas gift of a candy bag—and paying for much of the candy—to each inmate at our local county jail. (We also for years have supported the local ministry that goes into the area jails and prisons with in-person Bible teaching, prayer, and personal ministry to the inmates, and they take this Christmas candy to each one. This ministry also sends Bible studies and Bibles to these men and women who respond with incredible testimonies of changed lives.) In December, we filled 250 brown lunch bags with individually wrapped pieces of luscious candies and each bag had a Scripture included, after which we prayed over each one...*(see picture)*. The inmates remarked how the Scripture in his bag ministered to him. Actually, last year one inmate received Jesus as Savior after receiving his bag. Jesus said, "I was in prison and you came to Me... Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" Matthew 25:36,40.

While it might seem odd that during this dire time in America, I would write about candy bags. For most of us, we will never physically or spiritually impact a vast number of people. But we can and should do what we can every day where God has us live. Americans have done it this hard year of 2020 with food, visits, kind words

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and a host of other loving gestures around them. Do what you can do and ask God's blessings on your endeavor for neighbors, friends, and family.



Filling candy bags

This ministry also regularly gives financial support to Christian ministries around the world: *Israel, Nepal, Albania, Central America*, as well as many ministries/people we personally know here in America. I have told our people that God has blessed this Center for 44 years because we continue to give out. Jesus' words are crystal clear, *"Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together will be put into your lap. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you"* Luke 6:38 NKJV The  **blessing** is not in receiving, but in giving.

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## This Month's Offer

Our book offer, *Don't Give Up, Faith That Gives You the Confidence to Keep Believing and the Courage to Keep Going*, by Pastor Kyle Idleman holds great encouragement and faith-building for this uncertain year of 2021.

This book brings out, *"People hanging by a thread, losing faith and short on strength. What do they all need to hear? Our lives are minefields of challenges that take their toll on our courage, our conviction, and even our faith. But God whispers to the weary, Don't give up. Drawing from inspiring biblical stories and the first-person testimonies of perseverance, bestselling author and pastor Kyle Idleman encourages you to cast your concerns on God, trust in His love and timing, pray for patience and strength, and seek out support in the family of God."*

This book is so easy to read, gives uplifting personal stories of people who have overcome tremendous issues. One man affirming this book says, *"Within these pages, you'll find what you need to stand tall, push forward, and experience the breakthrough God has for you."*

Idleman is senior pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, one of the ten largest churches in America, where he speaks to more than 25,000 people each weekend. He is the bestselling author of other books. He and his wife have four children and live on a farm, where he doesn't do any actual farming. He has the cutest sense of humor in his writing, and also writes with great depth.

(This book, I believe, will enrich your year.)

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