

A Season of Disasters (Aug/Sept 2017)

What is Going On?

A Message to Mature Christians

If you are like many Christians who have a base foundation to your faith, you may be feeling anxiety about all the man-made and natural real and potential disasters that have been taking place over the past few weeks. The northwest states have countless wild fires, the Houston area was virtually devastated by Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma is decimating Florida, with Jose and Katia right behind. Mexico just experienced an 8.1 earthquake – the largest in 100 years. Our nation is so deeply divided that we could easily see civil war break out after just the right provocation. Our commander-in-Chief is having a war-of-words with an unstable leader that could easily lead to a nuclear attack or WWIII. All of these things, and it often seems mass shootings or terrorist attack is reported every time we turn on the TV just around the anniversary of 9/11.

Many Christians are starting to wonder if this is the beginning of the end times. I have also started to wonder that as well. I am by no means a bible scholar on the subject, but I have been praying about this. I am not going to try to engage in theological discussion about the end times. However, I do believe God is telling me that “No, this is NOT that time, but yes this **IS a wake-up call.**” I have several reasons why I believe this is NOT the time, including scriptures (i.e.: it is not for us to know the times - Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7, etc.), as well as what I have been hearing from God for over 20 years now.

However, one thing he has been showing me is that **most people are not noticing what he IS doing**, and most of those that do, are filtering what they see through ‘colored glasses’. So far, I have only seen a handful of truly-gifted prophetic people who appear to have the discernment to accurately observe and understand what God is doing (Habakkuk 1:5). Instead, most people are so caught up in their own agenda (see below) that they don’t register what is going on (Isaiah 55:8-9). He has been burdening me with this for over 10 years now. So, a few months ago, I found myself praying that God would do whatever he needs to do to get his peoples’ attention. However, I did not expect this answer to my prayer.

So, if what we are seeing is likely NOT the ‘end times’, yet we still feel a burden for what is going on, then that is good. It means he has our attention.

So How Should We Respond to This Wake-Up Call?

1. **Lay down your agenda:** (Note I am NOT saying throw it away.) Whatever your agenda is – your career, family, a ministry, hobbies, daily to-do list, problems, life goals, political ideology, fear of the unknown, a need to be right, fear of your opinions about what is happening, your desire to save the unsaved, etc. (You can’t serve two masters - Matthew 6:24)

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- a. Remember, **any misplaced agenda becomes a stumbling block** to other believers and non-believers alike (Rom 14:13)
2. **Get still and quiet.** This message is intended for believers who already know how to do this, so I will not tell you how.
3. **Say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening”.** (Samuel 3:1-10)
4. Be prepared to listen. **Don’t be surprised if he says something unexpected.** (Saul – “Road to Damascus” Acts 9:1-19)
5. **Expect that he will speak differently to different people.** We are all wired differently and have different callings. Therefore, he will speak to each person accordingly. So, don’t expect the response you receive, or your assignment, to be the same as someone else’s. (Different members of the body 1Cor 12)
6. Once he gives you your assignment, **respond accordingly.** (Ask, then trust – James 1:5-8; stay focused Matt 24:45-46)

Some may wonder what he has been showing me, but at this time, it is not appropriate for me to share with too many people what he is showing me. Instead, it is appropriate to let him speak to people directly. My role in this is to point people to God and let him speak to them directly. Writing this letter was the assignment I was given after I gave my concerns to God.

If anyone has been blessed by this and wants to see other resources I have created as a result of my call, I have uploaded many handouts and over 30 workshops that were created for diverse audiences (believers and unbelievers alike) to my website: <http://www.dreams-goals.com/resources/>

There are additional resources that were written for a Christian audience. Because I often work through government institutions, I felt it necessary to separate those resources that are intended for Christian audiences from the rest. So if you want to access my Christian resources, here is the link: <http://www.dreams-goals.com/resources/documents/docs-faithbased/>

If you want me to point out specific resources for what spoke to you, please contact me and I will be happy to point you to relevant and appropriate resources.

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