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No Change requires little faith. We remain the same as we have been. We are happy when nothing changes and we can go on as in the past. Besides, who needs change when everything seems to be so easy and acceptable this way?

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2000—A Year of Great Change!

Psalm 25

We have entered into a new year and a new millennium of time. It really seems strange to write 2000 or 00 when writing a check or writing a date on something. That is a change we must get accustomed to in order to go on with time.

That is just the beginning of things we will encounter in the coming days that will bring change to our lives. It's amazing what the Lord will show us when we give Him a chance and that is what I have tried to do the last few days.

I believe the Lord prepares us when He brings change into our lives.

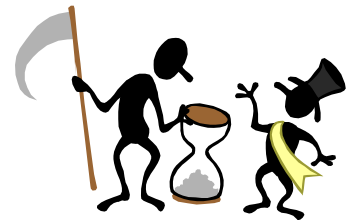
He begins to show us

things that may be different in order for us to deal with any adjustment that may be necessary.

Sometimes we don't even realize that a change is about to take place even though the Lord is trying to prepare us. We just look at any differences as a temporary thing and go on expecting things to continue on the same path as before.

Many times we ignore changes because we aren't in the mood for any disruption of the way we've done things in the past and we aren't willing to make

any adjustments in our daily routine. We tend



Out with the old and in with the new!

to grow comfortable in the circumstances we're in and in the way we've done things in the past. Why allow any differences to come in and have to get use to new things when the old is working so well. We can get so laid back in the way we do things that we don't have to depend on anyone, not even God!

Have You Heard God Say, "Changes are Here".

If you haven't sensed that changes are happening all around you and even in your life, then perhaps you need to clean out your spiritual ears, because God is bringing about great

changes in the lives of His children. He wants us to grow and when we remain the same we can no longer grow up or become what He intends for us to be. Growth requires change in our

lives and the circumstances that surround us. If all this sounds new to you then get in prayer and get your spiritual ears cleaned and hear what the Lord is saying in this hour!

Resistance to Change Brings Pain

Have you ever known something in your spirit man, yet your flesh just did not want to go along with it because it would bring great change in your life and you were fine just the way you were? Then again, when you would allow the Lord to get in a word, you knew you would be in disobedience if you didn't do what the Spirit of God was saying do. Oh, how painful when change comes in our lives and we resist it. Any time we try to remain the same when everything around us is going forward, we soon see that we will be left behind if we don't attempt to go on with the new instead of re-

maining on the old path.

I can remember when I was little and my legs would hurt. Mom would tell me it was growing pains. Growth does bring pain when we resist the things that cause us to grow. Change may not always be pleasant but it will be for our good if God is the one bringing the change. He knows when we get too dependent in the familiar and He then sees we must stretch beyond where we are in order to grow further. We can become too satisfied with the familiar. We know what to expect from day to day when everything

remains the same. We can learn to trust in ourselves and others we depend on instead of God. He doesn't want that in our lives. He wants us to be totally dependent upon Him and His Word



Struggling with change often brings pain

Change and Trust

Trusting God means change. It means getting out of the familiar, getting out of your place of comfort, getting out of what you are accustomed to. It means launching out into areas of discomfort. It means dealing with the ordinary situations. But if it's God, He is there to see you through by guiding, directing, equipping and

giving you peace in every circumstance. The rewards will far outweigh the discomforts.

God will never override our will. He will ask but He will never force change upon us. We must make the choice to trust Him enough to know He would never ask us do something that He wouldn't be there to see us

through. God doesn't want us to fail He wants successes, but that only comes through yielding totally to His Holy Spirit and trusting in His strength and wisdom. Obedience is a choice, a heart's desire to yield yourself to His will. Some have missed great blessings because they didn't trust God enough to allow change.

Change Brings Challenge

God wants to always challenge you. Challenge through change brings growth. It brings maturity and a continual reliance on the Spirit of God and not on your own flesh. We should welcome change that brings challenges to our lives through the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill what God has for each of

us to do in 2000 and in the years to come.

We are at a crossroads in life and ministry. We can remain where we are or accept change and challenge and go higher with God. We can choose to grow and be used for His glory and His purposes.

A servant is never independent of his master. He waits for his instructions and then faithfully carries them out. In turn he is blessed as change comes and He moves as the Lord directs him, never ahead of the Lord but he moves as God directs each step and as he's challenged he grows.

Walk on With Me

I want to include a writing from a book by Frances Roberts called "Come Away My Beloved". I had used this once before and today as I was preparing to do this newsletter this word fell from a folder. I thought it real appropriate for what God had given me. It also ministered greatly to me and I pray that it does to you.

My child, the path of duty is before thee. It may look rugged, but it is the only way of divine blessing. Choose out some other way, and you shall find only disap-

pointment and frustration of soul. Weariness shall overtake you on the smoothest road, if it be not the pathway of my ordained will. Be not deceived by doubts, and be not detained by fears. Move into the center of My purposes for you; you shall find there are glorious victories waiting for you and recompenses for exceeding every sacrifice.

Be obedient; you shall bring joy to My heart. Neither the applause nor the scorn of men should be of any consequence to you. My ap-

proval is reward enough, and without this, any other satisfaction is not worthy of your pursuit.

Walk on with Me. I shall be very near to give you support and encouragement, so you have nothing to warrant your fears. They shall vanish as you obey.

Charlie's Corner

If we are not willing to change then we will eventually compromise somewhere in our stand with God.

Don't expect a full submersion anointing if you're only willing to go ankle deep in God's river of anointing.

God and His Word change not; they just change us to be like Him.



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Three Trees—Their Dreams—God's Best for Each

Three Trees

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

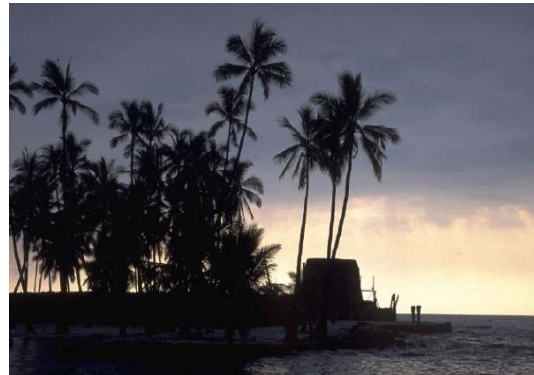
After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter" ... and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one", and he cut it down."

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark. Years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams.

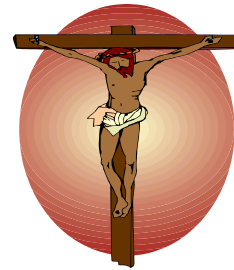
Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.



Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.



Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it. The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.



Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray for every person that reads this newsletter and their families. I stand in agreement with them for their finances, for their health, for their peace and for their well being. Dear Father, by your Holy Spirit, teach each of us to be led by your Spirit and to obey your voice. Let us not shy away from change but welcome it when it is from you and you see the outcome. Lord, I pray that all of these dear ones walk with you and that your blessings overtake them this year. May your grace abound to each of them and that any lost loved one come into your kingdom by accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord this year. Let not one slip through the crack but every one we claim for Your kingdom.

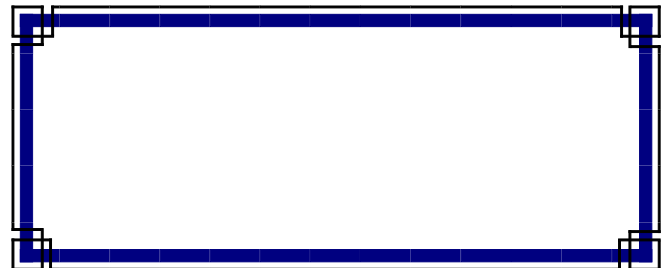
Father, teach us to wait upon you for direction and be at peace as we wait. May we reach higher than we have ever reached before and walk in a realm of Glory we've never experienced as we walk in a realm of obedience we've never walked in before.

Let your healing power flow out to every person, body, soul, and spirit. Father, guide us by Your Spirit into the things you would have us do. I pray for doors to open for those who are seeking to go in Your name to minister and for finances to be in the hands of those willing to give into the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Draw each of us closer as we seek more of you. Thanks Father. It's in the name of Jesus the anointed, I pray these things. Amen.

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*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength
of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and
He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say,
on the Lord. Psalm 27: 1, 14*

Purpose in your heart to get alone and spend some quality time with the Lord. Seek His will for your life in the coming year. Allow the peace of God to still any fears or apprehensions you may have about doing new things. Remember God will never ask you to do anything unless He equips you for the task.

This can be a wonderful year for the Kingdom of God if each of us will put our Lord first place and allow everything else to fall in place. If we allow Him to order our day and our footsteps each and every day, we will accomplish so much more following His plan than ours.

The peace and tranquility of our Lord is real. We each need to seek Him and enter in.