

CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, BUT SUCCESS OFTEN REQUIRES IT JULY 28, 2020

Q: IF YOU KNEW THERE WOULD BE NO MORE TOILET PAPER TOMORROW, HOW WOULD YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE?

THE BOTTOM LINE:

- SUCCESS TOMORROW DEPENDS ON HOW WELL WE HANDLE TODAY.

IN JULY 2018, WE LEARNED OF 12 BOYS AND THEIR FOOTBALL COACH WHO WERE FOUND ALIVE IN AN UNDERGROUND CAVE IN THAILAND.

AS THE BRITISH DIVERS MADE THEIR WAY TO WHERE THE GROUP WAS LOCATED, ONE OF THE BOYS ASKED, 'WHEN THEY WOULD GET OUT OF THE CAVE?' WHICH THE RESCUERS ANSWERED BACK 'NOT TODAY. YOU HAVE TO DIVE'.

Q: HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THAT YOUR ONLY OPTIONS OF SURVIVAL ARE TO (1) WAIT UNTIL THE WATER LEVELS GO DOWN (2) LEARN TO USE DIVING GEAR

TO REMAIN: WAITING COULD TAKE MONTHS. ITS COLD, WET, DARK, & THERE'S NO FOOD. ADJUSTING TO SICKNESS & LONELINESS WOULD BE THE NEW NORM.

TO RE-TRAIN: LEARNING TO USE THE APPROPRIATE DIVE GEAR, TO LEARN HOW TO BREATHE UNDERWATER, AND TO SWIM IN THE DARK SEEMS MORE DOABLE.

Q: SO HOW DID THEY SURVIVE? – THEY RE-TRAINED THEMSELVES.

LOOKING AHEAD:

DAYS OF UNCERTAINTY WILL REQUIRE MORE FROM US THAN WE HAVE TO GIVE.

LOOKING AROUND:

- TOO MANY PEOPLE TODAY, WANT - **WHAT THEY ONCE HAD.**
- YET, WHEN THEY LEARN THEY CAN NOT HAVE IT, MANY WON'T MAKE IT.
- TOO MANY PEOPLE, ARE SEARCHING FOR - **THE WAY IT USED TO BE.**
- AND YET, WHEN THEY DON'T FIND IT, THEY'LL EITHER BECOME BITTER ON THE INSIDE, BLOW-UP ON OTHERS, AND/OR LEAVE TO BURN-OUT ALONE.

- IF THE PAST IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN YOUR FUTURE, THEN YOU MIGHT BE CLOSER TO DEATH THAN YOU REALIZE. THIS ISN'T GOD'S WAY!
- **JOHN 10:9-10.** JESUS SAYS, '**I AM THE DOOR**: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE. THE THIEF COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY: I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.
- WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN THE CHURCH TODAY, IS THAT MORE MEN AND WOMEN MUST BEGIN TO CHASE AFTER/ PURSUE THE SPIRIT OF GOD.
- THE DEVIL WANTS US PARTICIPATING IN HIS WORK OF DESTRUCTION.
- BUT GOD WANTS US INVOLVED IN HIS MASTER PLAN OF RECONSTRUCTION

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 2

- **I SEE** - THE POWERFUL HAND OF GOD
- **I HEAR** - THE POWERFUL WORD OF GOD
- **I UNDERSTAND** - THE POWERFUL NAME OF GOD
- THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUAL UNDERSTAND – **THESE THINGS** – FOR THEY HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

ACTS 2:17-19 'IN THE LAST DAYS,' GOD SAYS, 'I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON ALL PEOPLE. YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY. YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS. IN THOSE DAYS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT EVEN ON MY SERVANTS – MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE – AND THEY WILL PROPHECY. AND I WILL CAUSE WONDERS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW...

APPLICATION:

- EXAMINE YOUR LIFE, AND THE PRAYERS YOU ARE PRAYING.
- PRAY FOR GOD TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE. TO CHANGE YOUR MIND. CHANGE YOUR HEART. TO CHANGE YOUR DAILY ROUTINE. CHANGE WHAT YOU SEE
- SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD.