

WORD LIVING

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“Please remember we’ve signed up for the long haul. A life of faith is a life of being carried, but not necessarily on a bed of ease. It involves God carrying you through sleepless nights, agonizing days, misunderstanding, missteps, sinfulness, loss, brokenness, failure and pain. This is a long distance race.” ~ Chuck Swindoll

Welcome to another Word Living Newsletter. For over 20 years, we have shared the word and we need your prayers to continue.

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?

During the hot days in August, I witnessed an older man riding his bike to the nursing facility. He entered just ahead of me and I said, “at least today is a little cooler than yesterday. He replied, “Yesterday I rode 12 miles because I had an errand to do, but I ride 10 miles to get here.” “Do you come every day?” “Yes I come every day but it’s only 10 miles.” With a smile on his face, he hurried down the hall. In 95-degree heat, he was focused on getting to the nursing facility.

People walked for three (3) days to hear the word of God was the report from missionaries in Africa. People walked in the dry dusty heat some carrying their babies so they could hear about Jesus’ plan of salvation. People were focused on hearing the word of God.

From the word of God we look at Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; and Luke 8:43-48.

The woman had been sick for 12 years. She had spent all her money and the doctors still could not heal her. She was losing a vital element that carries nourishment and oxygen to and brings waste products from all parts of the body – blood. Without this element working as designed, the body becomes weak. She heard of Jesus and had faith to believe if she could touch his garment

she would be healed. Though weak and poor, she focused on being healed.

II Kings chapter 20, verses 1-10

Hezekiah was sick unto death. God sent the prophet Isaiah to tell him to set his house in order because he was going to die. Hezekiah turned his face to the wall. He prayed and cried. God heard Hezekiah’s prayer, saw his tears, and granted him 15 more years of life. He was focused ~ he wanted to live.

In each example, the outward circumstances were great, but they were no matches to the inner drive that could not be contained. You see when you have hunger inside to do something, the circumstances surrounding you become void.

I heard a great example in a sermon by Pastor Tony Evans. “A kernel of popcorn has moisture in it and when placed in the microwave, the heat turns the moisture into steam. The pressure builds so great that the outer shell cannot contain it and it pops. Now if you cut the kernel open, the results would not be the same. But when that on the inside is steamed to the max, the outward circumstances cannot contain it.”



Every born again believer should be seeking the power of Jesus in their lives. The desire to give all for the cause of Christ should impact others so much that they are motivated to follow Jesus.

I pray that you yield all to Jesus and allow him to free you to become his useful servants. More HEAT next time.

His steward, Karen