

mar 23

can we talk

first of all, i want to sat thank you to everyone who takes time out of their day to read these dailies i write. (hopefully under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.) time is our most precious commodity and how we spend it shows the value we put on something. just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder, even so value may be measured by the time one allows it. i hope you value not what i may say, but what our Lord might be saying through me; saying to all who would listen. (yes, He can even use a donkey like me.) i love to talk about the Lord and it's nice to have someone to listen. i am always open to correction or different understandings.

Jesus forewarned us in matthew 24 what these times would look like, but like they say, "the devil is in the details; and boy is he. he's revealing himself daily. someone once said, "what did you think the end of days would look like?" i knew it wouldn't be pleasant, but honestly, i could never have imagined all that i now see happening. there are times it boggles my mind even as it troubles my spirit.

many unashamedly embrace deception while others silently sit by. it sorrows me to say that even a lot of the "so called" church are embracing this great deception, and if they are not caught up in the madness of it all, then they are retreating to either the pharisee or sadducee spirit. they are as "children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of

doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting." eph 4:14

the new normal is not normal. it must never be to us who are called by His name. my heart breaks for those who believe they can make their own truth. truth belongs to God and no other. they are deceived, seeking to draw others in their delusion, accusing those who will not give their approval. lawlessness and debauchery abound. those who have no fear of tomorrow live only for today. paul warned us of them. "if the dead do not rise, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!'" 1 cor 15:32 and that's the essence of it all. they do not believe there will be a resurrection and an accounting.

Jesus warned us of the famines and pandemics; about the pestilences and earthquakes (volcanoes erupting included). He told us how kingdom (ethnic groups) would rise against kingdom. the wars and rumors of wars are now escalating into nuclear war talk from various countries. these are the "biggies," so to speak. then we have all those nasty little "detail" surprises: talk of aliens, artificial intelligence growing by leaps and bounds, neural implants making us less human and more machine.

if i did not know where i stand in Christ and were assured of His love for me, my heart would be failing too for fear of those things coming upon the earth. my daily prayer: "search me, o God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." psa 139:23

we all have those we hold dear to our hearts. we pray for them to come into this wonderful family of God but we can't talk them into believing. we can't beat them into believing. we can't even love them into believing. we can only pray for the Holy Spirit to move in them and while praying without ceasing, live the best example we can in hopes they will catch a glimpse of God's goodness revealed through us. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." col 1:27 Jesus in me and me in Him and us together in the Father.

we all have a job; an assigned job, "the ministry of reconciliation ... now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. "2 cor 5:19-20 are we "up" to the task? by grace, only by grace.

if we keep Jesus as the central thought of our day, we can be assured the Holy Spirit will guide our way. it may not always be somewhere we want to go but have confidence He will be with us there as we travel and when we arrive. when God asks you to do something uncomfortable, it usually means He's going to do something remarkable.

though shadows deepen and my heart bleeds  
i will not question where He leads.

finally, my friends, if you believe you are hearing something from God, write it down. how quickly the enemy will try to steal a truth from you. i know in my writing i have notes all over. i will hear or think

something and feel the Spirit, so i will quickly jot it down for later contemplation. a few seconds later it has completely escaped from my memory; too many have already. journaling is a good thing.

looking around at things today, open communication may one day be taken from us. i want you all to know that even if it appears you are standing alone, you are never really alone. the body is always praying for the body and the Lord who loves you is always with you. "but may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." 1 pet 5:10 To Him be all the glory for ever and ever.