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To the Gateway family

Hello everyone, may God graciously encourage, challenge and comfort you as you come into His presence.

Sometimes I feel like the juggler at the circus, I am sure there are many of you reading this who know exactly what I'm talking about.

The other day I 'pulled' my hamstring, definitely, a humbling experience. Praise God it is healing but the reality is it hurts, it's a nagging, throbbing, deep aching pain (someone suggested a bit like a toothache!) and can seem like just another 'thing' to juggle! I am aware that all of a sudden, my language can go from 'it is well' to 'I'm sore, I'm tired, I'm in pain'. When I say language this doesn't necessarily mean I'm voicing it out loud all the time, more often than not it is the conversation, the stream of thought that is in my head.

The word of God is very clear that we are to take captive our thoughts! There is nothing wrong with admitting the reality that, "I'm tired", but when the focus of my thoughts becomes a declaration of "I'm tired, I'm tired, I'm tired" then fundamentally even though the statement is true I've opened the door to a weariness to enter not just my body but that little bit deeper into my soul.

2 Corinthians 10:5 NKJV "Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

I hope this is making sense to you. I believe as it says in the scriptures that there is power of life and death in the tongue. Jesus encourages us to speak the same words as Him, words of life, words of power, words from the Spirit of God.

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit."

What does that look like? Instead of declaring 'tiredness over my life', I declare the whole truth of the word of God. It might look something like, "God, I'm so tired but you are my strength, God I need you to help me through the day, I look to you, I praise you.....". All of a sudden, our tiredness takes us into a deeper relationship with Him.

I have been cranky, crabby and a little bit irritable because of the pain in my leg. There is the practical response, take painkillers and keep my mouth shut (try not to let the foot and mouth disease take over). There is further practical response, I get down on my knees and say, "Father forgive me, I'm in pain, I've been walking in my own strength, I know you can remove the pain and that your grace is sufficient, please help me." Then the spiritual response, "God let me learn what you want me to learn through this moment, let me not discount any lesson you have to teach me but please bring supernatural healing and help me apply your word into this situation".

Philippians 4:6 NKJV "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

I know I'm giving a very simple example, however, at this time, throughout this pandemic, we have been bombarded with information and also 'declarations' for example, a second wave is coming, the government is bringing back lockdown. At this time now more than ever we need to release God's words over our lives,

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our families, our churches, our nation and even globally. We need to not bury our head in the sand to the reality of the situations that surround us, but we need to be aware that we can frame what we say based on 'truth' or the whole of the truth in light of the Word and Spirit of God.

Is it easy? I would say in a word "no" but you and I have been called to stand in the gap, fight against the powers and principalities, knowing that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual.

Speak His WORDS.

Much love

God's continued blessing

Pastors Marty & Rebeca



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- Phone on the church mobile – 07942 671129
- Text on the church mobile

We will need the following information:

- Your name and telephone number
- The names in your group/family (if you are booking more than one seat)

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