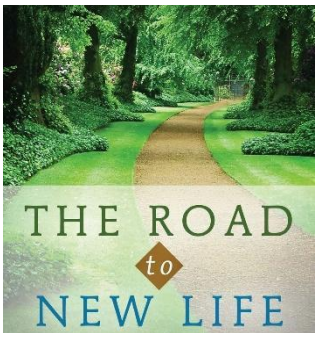


Living Life To Save My Life!

There is no question that these are unusual times. The world seems to be spinning out of control. When we see so much tumult, chaos and fear, this is a time to stop and reflect on who am I. When there are unusual circumstances in our lives and the status quo has been upended, this calls for unusual actions. We need to rethink how we behave and we need to rethink our priorities. People are dying all around us. People are getting sick and the Covid virus has killed over 1 million people in the USA alone. These are tough times for everyone, there is no doubt about that.

So, what do we do ? We must go to our spiritual source for strength, love and peace…Jesus Christ. He is the only one that has the power and love to make us save you. Strange and unusual circumstances don't change who we are (inner spirit) and don't alter the simple truth that we are loved and we are not alone. We also can't ignore the fact that God has a plan and purpose for our lives. We have been given a God given passion and a God given purpose from the moment we are born. And God will direct us to His plan and purpose if we ask him.

We need to honestly ask ourself, could it be possible that all of our trials and sacrifices and experiences up to this point were preparing us for this very moment? Could this be the moment or the period that we were created to shine, guide and lead? There may be people all around us who are looking for guidance, leadership and support. We should look for these people all around us who maybe struggling to deal with these trying times just as you might be. So, God's plan is to be a source of inspiration and support not only for ourself but for others as well. This is our moment to shine. We should be making every effort to seize it.

So, what do we do? Francis of Assisi said: *"start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."* If we aren't already doing so, this is the perfect time to start the habit of a daily quiet time in Bible study and prayer to ask God for guidance and direction. We need a compass to guide us through these rough waters. We cannot achieve our God designed life's purpose in the power of our passion within our own strength. We are absolutely going to have to depend on the power of Almighty God. When it comes to God's plan for our purpose, we are going to need passion, energy and supernatural power and it is going to require faith. God is always interested in growing our faith, because without

faith, we cannot please God. "*Anyone who comes to him must a believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*" Hebrews 11:6 True faith brings us into a close, loving relationship with God because it forces us to rely on HIM.

So, let's focus on those around us including our family, friends and co-workers and let them see the "hope" that we have and the confidence that we have in God's plan for us. We are to lead by example. We are to be God's beacons of light and strength on this earth for others.

"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." - C. S. Lewis

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