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# How Will God Do It This Time?

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**INTRODUCTION:** The remnant church in America is entering a time of miracles. Those Christians who truly love and serve Jesus Christ are entering a time of increased anointing, increased harvest of souls, and increased grace from God that will turn problems into miracles. This remnant church of true believers is entering a time of increased interaction with angels. It is entering a time of increased intimacy with the Holy Spirit resulting in an increase in purity which will result in a great increase in spiritual power demonstrated by signs, wonders and miracles.

Those Americans who are not in this true remnant are entering a time of calamity that has been warned about for many years but which is now coming upon the nation. Micah prophesied, **“Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets,”** (Micah 3:12). He died long before his prophetic warning came true. After his warning there was a short revival under King Hezekiah. Then there were over fifty more years of blatant national sins under King Manasseh. Finally, after Manasseh died, there was another short revival under King Josiah. But then the destruction Micah had warned of actually manifested.

God has been calling America back to Himself for over 100 years. By the end of June, 2015 it is expected that our Supreme Court will validate same sex marriages as a constitutional right, making it the law of the land. At the same time, the last day of June, it is possible that Greece will default on its sovereign debt. Back in 1994 David Wilkerson prophesied that a country in Europe, North Africa, or Asia was going to default on its sovereign debt. He said that God showed him that within two weeks of that event Mexico would default on 100 billion in loans, primarily from American owned banks. He said that would cause the Arabs and other nations who are heavily invested in our banks to withdraw fifteen billion dollars per hour until a “bank holiday” would be declared and all American banks would be shut down, indefinitely.

Much like the prophet Micah, David Wilkerson’s dire prophetic warning came a LONG TIME AGO—21 years, in fact. He published two books in 1998, warning of a coming “economic holocaust.” I’ve re-read those books recently, and I’ve received much comfort from his admonition that the number one way to be protected is not a physical hide-away stocked with food, cash, silver, gold, guns and ammunition—but rather, the safest place would be a place in the Spirit. The safest place would be to abide in the Lord.

\*\*\*\* Many years after the prophet Micah’s ministry had ended God raised up the prophet Ezekiel. His warnings were different, even from those given by Jeremiah. God said through Ezekiel, **“There will be no more delay. What I’ve warned about is now here. This nation thinks the warnings for the distant future, but today is the day I’ve warned about. Such terrible judgments are coming that every one of the scoffers and doubters, every rebel and every idolater is going to KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD”** (My summation and paraphrase). (See Ezekiel 12:16).

The phrase, “Then they’ll know that I am the Lord” is repeated over and over in the book of Ezekiel. Very soon, America is going to know that God is the judge, that God is the boss, that God is the source of blessings and that he holds the keys of death and hell.

By the end of 1994 Mexico’s peso lost 50% of its value and the country nearly defaulted, but was bailed out by the International Monetary Fund, the IMF. **Now Mexico’s debt is over SEVEN TRILLION DOLLARS!** Like Greece, Mexico has a government of leftists, who realize they’ve been enslaved by the lenders who supposedly rescued them.

*One of the hardest things to do is to tell the future. In fact, only God can tell the future. But it seems to me that things have aligned in such a way as to point clearly to a coming currency collapse in the United*

States. I believe this is imminent and could happen sooner than almost anyone expects, even before 2015 comes to a close. Here's why:

1. Greece has a total debt 177 times its Gross National Product. It can never repay its debts. International Lenders loan more money to Greece so that Greece can make payments on loans, so those banks won't have to declare losses. It is possible some deal could kick this can down the road. June 30 is the day Greece is supposed to make a huge payment. Some sources say a settlement will come at the last minute. Others see no hope. We should be on guard, because if Greece does default, then it will be the first in a series of falling dominoes, so to speak.

2. I assume David Wilkerson actually heard from God. So if Greece does default, Mexico would default on its massive seven trillion dollar debt within two weeks. It is interesting that the Catholic Church tried to do an exorcism on the entire nation of Mexico, the second largest "Catholic" nation. It was called an "Exorcismo Magno, performed in secret in the city of San Luis Potosi by a Cardinal and many Catholic exorcists. Over 100,000 people have been killed since 2006 by the violence related to the drug gangs. Mexico is basically out of control.

3. If Mexico does default, American banks would suffer, since much of the money loaned to Mexico is from American banks. This could produce a dreaded "run on the banks." Our banks only keep 7% of deposits on hand. The rest is loaned out. It seems like a very big "house of cards" to me.

David Wilkerson prophesied that when the American banks close and no one can get their money out our nation would experience "six months of hell" where the army would be called to restore order, because it would be beyond the capability of the National Guard to do so. He saw visions of 1,000 fires burning out of control in New York City. He saw visions of department stores (Macy's in particular) being totally trashed by looters.

4. On Feb. 22, 2015 God spoke to me and said, "I have one word for America: DISRUPTION. It's a better word than DESTRUCTION. I could give America destruction right now but I'm giving the people more time to repent. Make physical preparations. Use the times of disruption as joyful opportunities to win souls. Finally, don't give Me disruption." Then God gave me three scriptures, Rev. 22:11, Hebrews 13:15 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

**"Let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy," (Rev. 22:11). "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name," (Heb. 13:15). "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus," (1 Thes. 5:16-18).**

I now believe, that while we'll see various disruptions in certain localities, such as the race riots in Ferguson, MO and Baltimore, Maryland, God has something larger in mind—DISRUPTION on a NATIONAL SCALE. It could come as a terrorist attack against our national power grid or a national currency collapse, or an earthquake so great that the entire national would be thrown into turmoil—or all of the above!

5. We are in a Shemitah year, the seventh year when at its close all debts were cancelled. The last day of the Shemitah is September 13<sup>th</sup>. If any nation was to default, it seems like the Shemitah year would be a fitting time, since it always ended with the cancellation of all debts.

6. We are in a tetrad of four blood moons which all fall on Jewish feast days and which have included a solar eclipse. The last two times this has happened Israel became a nation and got back the city of Jerusalem. The last blood moon is Sept. 28-29, 2015 which again falls on the Feast of Tabernacles.

7. This summer our Supreme Court is probably going to make a monumental decision to put their stamp of approval on Gay Marriage, which will be spitting in the face of the Creator God who made mankind male and female and established marriage and the family. To me, this seems to be the last "unplugging" from God by our highest court. This decision would say in effect, "We do not recognize the existence of any God. We alone decide what is right and wrong. We are in effect, God."

Remember the story in the book of Acts when King Herod was smitten by an angel and eaten by worms? (Acts 12) He had committed many murders by that time, killing John the Baptist and then the Apostle James. But what triggered immediate angelic judgment was when the people said, "This is the voice

of a god” and Herod did not give glory to God. He acted like he was, indeed, the god of those people. This was intolerable, and he was immediately smitten by the death blow of an angel. The worms of hell literally came up to welcome him to eternal torment. His sin and the sin of our Supreme Court are similar in that they both are taking the place of God and not giving any glory to God.

\*\*\*\* Picture a caboose, the last car on a train, uncoupling itself as the train goes up the incline of a mountain pass. What would happen? The caboose would go downhill faster and faster until it came to a curve and then it would jump the track and be destroyed as it rolled and tumbled down the mountain. This court decision will unhook our nation completely from God. The nation is going to go backwards, downhill, faster and faster to its ruin.

ALL OF THIS CAN TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY. We don't want to believe it could happen, or that it will happen. But remember, David Wilkerson said once that first country defaults we will have only two weeks to get our money out of the banks before they are closed indefinitely.

When ever it does happen, I believe that this currency collapse will spell the end of the dollar as the reserve currency of the world. America is going to be plunged into a depression, probably more severe than the Great Depression. This is because so many now rely on the Government that when Government checks do not come many will riot, loot, burn and plunder.

## 1. SO WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

If the Jewish nation had ever properly observed the Sabbath Year, the Shemitah, they would not have worked their lands for one whole year. That would have required such a demonstration of God's provision that His people could never have doubted his reality. It would have bound them to him in dependency and he would have demonstrated his care in such a way that they never could have grown hard and self-sufficient, moving into the darkness of independence from God.

God meant the Shemitah to be a blessing. At the end of every seven years all debts were to be cancelled. This was to be a blessing, not a curse. Because our nation has forsaken God he is using the Shemitah as a cycle of judgment. The last two great stock market crashes of Sept. 2001 and September of 2008 both occurred exactly on the Day of Release, the last day of the Jewish month of Elul or the last day of the Shemitah year. This seven year cycle is coming up again, and Sept. 13 is the day. Since that's a Sunday, the crass could come on the Friday before (September 11) or the day after, September 14.

God is planning to show himself strong on behalf of those who truly honor and trust him. He has miracles of provision, miracles of deliverance, miracles of protection—preplanned and ready! While he can be glorified by giving us wisdom to store up food, silver, gold, and such he will be glorified more by those who have nothing to rely on but their trust in him.

\*\*\*\* *Imagine that you have a graph, a horizontal line starting with a zero, and ending with 100. Label the left side Wisdom and the right side TRUST.* God is glorified when he gives us the “heads up” warnings that help us get our money out of the banks, the heads up warning to turn paper dollars into gold or silver, and the heads up warning to store food. I do not know exactly how far on this graphed scale wisdom could take us. Suppose it took us to number 22. That would leave numbers 23-100 colored with TRUST.

God's wisdom, given to us in advance is only going to take us so far. Trust in God is going to take us farther. **Our desire should be to glorify God.** We do not want to trust in our provisions, and most of us don't have that problem. We have neither the time nor the resources to put much aside. But even if we did, in such tumultuous times, God would end up being MORE GLORIFIED by showing Himself worthy of our trust.

Let me say that again. God can glorify himself by giving us wisdom—that special ability to know what is coming and know what to do about it. He can also glorify himself by giving us nothing but peace and a secure feeling in the Spirit that if we trust him all things will end up working out for our good.

*Wisdom and trust are not enemies. They each have their job, and neither will do the job for the other. Therefore, I desire to glorify God by listening to his wisdom, and I desire to glorify the Lord by totally trusting him to care for me when my own abilities will not be sufficient. Indeed, my own abilities are not*

*sufficient in regular times, let alone in times of calamity.* God is going to get MUCH GLORY FOR HIS NAME by caring for those who trust him. He's going to get SOME GLORY by giving his people wisdom, but the greater portion of the glory will come from TRUSTING, not from being wise with his wisdom.

Once, when I was starting a church in the Holiday Inn, I prayed and said, "Lord, I'd feel so much more secure if we could just have our own building." He spoke to me, "*You are never more secure than when you have nothing to trust in but me.*"

I believe that God is going to be MASSIVELY GLORIFIED through the total dependence of his people, who will seek to DWELL IN HIM.

## 2. WILL YOU BE MORE SECURE THAN THE BILLIONAIRE IN HIS BUNKER?

A European billionaire has built a survivalist bunker, a very elaborate and luxurious underground compound deep inside a mountain in Germany. You could Google that, and see pictures of it. He has the resources to stock the place with all kinds of provisions. Nothing that money can buy has been spared. But is he the most secure man on the planet?

What about the person who only DWELLS IN GOD? If Jesus was on earth during the coming crisis, would you worry about him? What if like in days of old, he said, "The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Put in a modern way, "The Son of Man has no survivalist bunker in which to lay his head." So what? He dwells in the Father. Angels are all around him. He is constantly in communion and communication with the Father so that God's will is always revealed to him, giving him a never-ending source of miraculous faith.

However, the billionaire could die of a virus that gets down the air filter of his bunker. The earth could quake and the bunker could be crushed. A thousand things could go wrong, *especially if God is not pleased with that billionaire.*

Now, what would you choose if you could have your choice: 1. TO DWELL IN GOD or 2. TO DWELL IN THE BILLIONAIRE'S SURVIVAL LUXURY BUNKER?

We all need to say to ourselves, "I may only have a little food and a little silver, but I DWELL IN GOD. God is going to be massively glorified by my trust in him. He will show himself strong on my behalf. The billionaire is going to be in big trouble."

## 3. WE NEED TO START ASKING OURSELVES THIS QUESTION, "HOW WILL GOD DO IT THIS TIME?"

Years ago God taught me that worship and worry have the same five steps. 1. We look to God or we look to a problem. 2. We magnify God or we magnify a problem. 3. We expect from God or our expectations flow from the problem. 4. We come under the dominion of God or under the dominion of fear. 5. We either become like God or we become a problem.

*The key to knowing if we are in worship or worry is to examine our expectations.* If they are all fearful, hopeless and negative it means we've been looking at the problems and magnifying the problems until our expectations are flowing from the problems.

Abraham faced the fact that his body was as good as dead. Yet, after looking at the problem he lifted his eyes and looked to the Lord. (Romans 4:18-20) We can't hide our heads and pretend there are no calamities coming upon America. That is not faith. That is fear. To not want to know what is coming is a fear response.

Instead, we must *face* what is coming, and then lift our eyes above the problems and look to God. We magnify God by talking to each other and to ourselves, telling all the different miracle stories we have heard.

Here is something I know: GOD LOVES TO PROVE HIMSELF AS OUR SUPREME SOURCE OF PROVISION, PROTECTION AND HEALING IN NEW AND ORIGINAL WAYS. How he did it last time may not be the way he will do it this time.

**\*\*\*\* I WILL USE RATS AS AN EXAMPLE.**

1. When the Philistines were allowed to capture the Ark of the Covenant God used rats to bring judgment on them. Rats multiplied, destroying the land by their vast number. They also brought with them some kind of disease that caused hemorrhoids or tumors to come upon the Philistines. The result was that they made five golden rats and five golden tumors and sent them as a peace offering to God, along with the Ark of the Covenant. Thus, God used rats to bring judgment.

2. When Dimitru Duduman was put in a Communist torture cell in Romania, the master of torture let in more than 100 large starving rats to eat him alive. He cried out to God and an angel appeared with drawn sword and killed all the rats instantly. When the torture master opened the cell he cried, "You killed my babies!" He had used the rats to drive people insane, to break them, or kill them.

3. When a Moslem professor from Egypt told the authorities that he could no longer believe in the Koran because such cruelty could not be coming from a creator God, they said, "He's an intellectual. Let the rats eat his head." They put him in a tank of water with just his head sticking out. Then they put hundreds of rats in with him. Normally the starving rats would have eaten his head off. But God did not kill the rats this time. Instead, the rats crawled over his head and "kissed him." They nuzzled him gently, as if every rat had been filled with God's own affection for him. His Muslim torturers then said, "There is a great invisible power standing behind this man."

4. When a missionary by the last name of Golden took medicine through Mexico and into Honduras he had to pay so much money in tariffs that his expense money was all used up. He and his wife had no idea how they would live without funds for food.

When they got back to their home they found it had been invaded by pack rats. A large nest of shredded paper was discovered behind the kitchen store. In the nest was a fresh \$20 bill, with no teeth marks. The rats had shredded every other piece of paper they could find, but tenderly put the \$20 on deposit for God's servants! The Golden's found five rats' nests in their house, and each one had a fresh \$20 bill—without any teeth marks. It was enough to buy their food until their next support check came.

Each of these miracles involved rats, and each miracle was different. HOW WILL GOD DO IT THIS TIME?

**\*\*\*\* I WILL USE FOOD AS AN EXAMPLE.**

In Joseph's time God met the needs of his people with seven years of great abundance and gave Joseph the wisdom to store 20% of it. He kept his people alive through trading livestock or money for food from the government.

In Moses' time God made food fall from the sky six days of every week with twice as much on the sixth day. This went on for forty years.

In Jesus' ministry, food didn't fall from the sky. Instead, twice it was multiplied and two times it came through supernatural catches of fish—fish swarming into nets. In one of the fish miracles the nets began to break. In the other, Peter hauled the whole net ashore, and although the catch was so huge, the nets did *not* break.

In Elijah's day food came for six months by ravens bringing bread and meat twice a day to his hiding place in the Ravine of Karith.

Then, when the brook went dry, God gave him food through the multiplication of flour and oil in a widow's home.

Normally, God gives food through blessing the labor of our hands—by sending rain in season, sprouting seed, blessing our livestock, or blessing our businesses, whatever they may be.

I met a lady in Brookville, OH who prayed and asked God for money to buy dog food for her large dog and money for shoes for her work. She thanked God for hearing, got in her car and went "looking for money." She saw money blowing across a vacant lot. She got out and gathered enough money to buy a 50-pound sack of dog food and to buy a pair of shoes. Wal-mart had two pairs for the price of one, so she ended up with two pairs of shoes for her work.

I read a book by Loren Cunningham called "Is that You, God?" He told a true story of some Christians working with a hospital ship. For some reason, they had to stay indefinitely on a beach where there was no food. All they could do was pray. Each day God made fish jump out of the ocean and land on

the beach. They'd go to the beach, pick up the fish, and cook them. This went on for weeks until they were able to get out of that situation.

In Elisha's time there was a severe famine caused by the Syrian army's seige on the city of Jerusalem. They had cut off the food supply and women were starting to eat their own children. But God gave them food by having a noisy army of angels come after the Syrians. The Syrians heard the sound of the vast army, and ran off, leaving all their supplies behind them. No Syrians were killed, but the famine was broken and food was abundant. God supplied food by a miracle of sound!

**HOW WILL GOD SUPPLY FOOD THIS TIME?**

**\*\*\*\* I WILL USE WATER AS AN EXAMPLE.**

How did God supply water for the Jews in the Wilderness? One way was to have Moses throw a tree branch into bitter water and it was turned sweet. One way was by coming to an Oasis where there was water naturally and palm trees in the desert. One way was by having Moses strike a rock with his staff and water gushed out. Yet another time God told Moses to have the elders dig a well with their scepters and staffs. Imagine a group of men, digging in sand with sticks, not shovels. They would have only been stirring the sand, but suddenly water bubbled up and the vast multitude of people and livestock had all the water they needed. Another time Moses was supposed to merely speak to a rock.

During Elisha's day God made water flow through a wilderness valley, enough to fill the ditches God had told them to dig. There was no wind or rain, yet the water came out of nowhere and filled the ditches.

I heard a man from Ukraine speak about the hardships Christians were facing there and the shortages of food and water. He was led to dig a well right inside of his house! It was an abundant well even though it wasn't very deep. and people from the whole area came to his house for water, giving him the opportunity to witness to them all. The water in the well never could be used up, no matter how many people came to his house for water.

**\*\*\*\* I WILL USE JAIL AND PRISON AS AN EXAMPLE:**

Dimitru Duduman was kicked by torture guards and would have been killed by them but an angel struck the head torture guard and he fell down and died of internal injuries. The other guards were so afraid of God that they put Dimitru out of the prison. He would have died but God healed him, then by other miracles had him immigrate to America.

God helped Bernard Johnson get out of an arrest in a different way. The torture guards tried to hit him in the face, over and over. An invisible force field protected him. Finally, the head torture guard went out of the room. God opened Bernard's eyes to see thousands of angels above his head, all with drawn swords. God said, "I didn't let that little man touch you, because if he had, these angels would have immediately killed him."

When the torture guard came back he said, "I talked to my boss. He will give you \$50,000 US dollars if you'll tell him how he can get a force field like the one protecting you." Bernard explained that it was angelic and that the angels would have killed him if even one blow had landed. The torture guard immediately ushered him out into the alley where an Assemblies of God missionary from the area picked him up.

How did God get Peter out of prison? An angel came in person and led him out.

How did God get Paul out of Prison? An earthquake shook the foundations of the prison and all the locks came open supernaturally. The jailer and his family then received Christ and washed the apostles wounds before letting them go.

Another time God used the Romans prison system to protect Paul from all the Jews who wanted to kill him. Rather than letting Paul go, prison became his protection and the place where his ministry was multiplied by writing epistles that make up thirteen books of our Bible.

Corrie Ten Boom was in a Nazi death camp. She was released on a clerical error. The other women in the prison were all killed. She traveled the world after that, teaching about God's grace to forgive.

Many others were given God's grace to bravely endure prison.

Richard Wurmbrand suffered fourteen years in prison, six in solitary confinement, and two years in the dying room, where no one but him ever exited alive. He was dying of tuberculosis but God kept him

alive, healed him, and helped him form the ministry VOICE OF THE MARTYRS. God gave him grace to endure what would have been impossible to endure in human strength.

Many others have been given grace to die as bold martyrs without fear, rejoicing that heaven was one heartbeat away for them. HOW WILL GOD DO IT THIS TIME?

**HERE'S MY POINT:** Don't be wondering IF God *will* help you, protect you and provide for you. *Instead, be smiling and asking, "I wonder HOW he will do it this time?"*

#### 4. START ASKING YOURSELF, "HOW WILL GOD ENCOURAGE ME TODAY?"

Psalm 86:17 **Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me."**

*I am always on the watch, daily, asking myself, "HOW WILL GOD ENCOURAGE ME TODAY?"*

\*\*\*\* I just ministered in Elgin, Oregon, a town of 1,700 in North East Oregon, in the Blue Mountains. It turns out that Pastor Mark Opperman heard me speak in Prairie City, Oregon back in 1980 when he was a little boy in that church. I had sung my song, THE BLACKBERRY SONG and it made a huge impression on him, he said. Now, thirty-five years later he quoted the words to the chorus: "A few handfuls get picked, by the sides of the road, while billions just dry up by the boxcar load, crying 'Summer is ended, Harvest is past. And we are not saved.'" As a little boy he purposed to become a soul-winner and now pastors a church. THAT WAS ENCOURAGING.

That same day a lady came up to me and said, "I heard you speak in Clackamas, Oregon back in 1980. I bought your book, FOUNDATIONS OF INTERCESSION. It revolutionized my life. I read and reread it until it fell apart." She bought the new version now titled THE HEART GOD HEARS.

\*\*\*\* On Mother's Day I went to a small church in Eastern Oregon and ministered to 15 adults in the morning and twelve adults that night. I had been promised \$200 for the day. But the pastor received an honorarium for me in the evening service and I came home with \$1475 in honorarium! Now that was encouraging, a sign from God that he is with me.

\*\*\*\* In another church, with 40 adults on the Oregon coast, I did one morning service. The honorarium was \$675 and one couple gave me 20 one ounce silver coins worth over \$300.

\*\*\*\* Sometimes I'm encouraged by a note in the mail. One lady wrote from Florida and said she heard me speak in Saint Petersburg on the sermon TWENTY-ONE WAYS TO FORGIVE. She said it had helped her so, and ordered another CD. (I haven't been in that church in five or more years.)

\*\*\*\* In one revival meeting the associate pastor prophesied to me that God had hidden the results of my ministry from me to protect me from being tempted to take the glory. The prophetic word said that God was replanting all the seeds I had sown over my lifetime, so that I'd see generation after generation after generation affected by the grace of God manifested in my life. God ended the prophetic word by saying, "And it's not done. It's not done, says the Lord."

\*\*\*\* I was encouraged on a trip to Philadelphia when seen adults stood to receive Christ in the morning and four more received Christ in the evening and twenty were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

I've learned to EXPECT encouragement and to LOOK FOR IT. I ask myself, "How will God encourage me today?"

\*\*\*\* One evening before bed I was reading Bruce Wilkerson's book THE VINE. I read it years ago, but this time I really GOT IT. He said that when Jesus said, "My Father cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit" ( John 15:1-2) the Greek word for "cuts off" is actually "lifts up". He talked to a man who owned a vineyard. He said some branches grow too low and don't bear fruit because they are on the ground, and muddy. He said they are too valuable to be cut off. Instead, the vinedresser lifts them up and ties them to something so that they are above the ground. He also cleans them off. Then they bear fruit.

I'm always praying that somehow I will bear massive amounts of fruit for God. That night I was encouraged to realize Jesus is the Vine and my Father is the Vinedresser. They Both WANT me to bear fruit.

Jesus' life is flowing into me to bear fruit, and the Father is taking care to lift up the parts of me that get too low and fruitless. He cleans them off, ties them to something to keep them off the ground, so that I'll be even more fruitful. I'm not in this thing alone, merely desiring to bear fruit for God without His help. His desire for me to bear fruit is even stronger than my own. That's encouraging to me, really encouraging. And in whatever crisis this nation finds itself in, and however many churches cancel special services or refuse to book them because of financial shortages, my Father will STILL help me bear abundant fruit.

\*\*\*\* While God encourages in many ways, a favorite way He uses over and over is to make the Word of God come alive to us. That means we should read it, listen to it, or study it on a regular basis and treat ourselves to encouragement.

\*\*\*\* Another very common way I find encouragement is just to pray in the mornings, and make sure I don't let anything urgent take away that comforting "sweet hour of prayer."

\*\*\*\* Stephen Covey had an illustration I like. He said to take a gallon jar and put large rocks in the jar until no more could be fit in. Then he said to pour gravel in around the rocks. The jar would look full, but then you could pour sand in until the jar was full. But after that you could pour water in—and the water would find every tiny space left. Then and only then would the jar be full.

But he said, If you take the same amount of water, sand, gravel and rocks and reverse the process, putting in first the water, then the sand, then the gravel, you could never get all of the big rocks in the jar. That's the way it is with really important things like prayer. The big rock of prayer will have to be put in first because if you put in all the things that are "urgent," but not as important, you will never find time in the rest of the day for prayer.

## 5. REMEMBER WHAT GOD LIKES!

1. God likes variety! Jesus healed people lots of different ways: By speaking the word, by laying on of hands, by spitting and making mud to put on blinded eyes, and by letting people touch him. God healed people by having the Apostle Paul lay his hands on pieces of cloth that were then taken to the sick and demonized and they were set free and healed.

2. God likes impossible situations. Nothing is impossible with God, but he likes to stretch our minds and hearts by doing exceedingly abundantly above and beyond all that we could ask for or imagine. God told Moses he would give over a million people meat for one month. Moses could not figure that one out! It blew his mind. He said, **"Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month.' Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish of the sea were caught for them?"** (Numbers 11:20-22)

V23, The Lord answered Moses, "Is the Lord's arm too short? Now you will see whether or not what I say will come true for you."

God made a wind blow in millions of quail and crashed them into the ground so that they were three feet deep for miles around the camp! The people were wading in quail!

3. He likes to make a mockery of the devil's biggest plans and plots.

God will often let the devil have a massive build up of forces so that he can defeat them all at once and make a mockery of them. Nothing the devil can do impresses God. God allowed many kings to band together against Joshua so that God could defeat them all at once. That is when the sun didn't go down for about a day, one of the biggest miracles in the Bible next to the resurrection of Christ or creation itself.

4. He likes to glorify the name of Jesus. Jesus said, **"I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge,"** (John 8:50). The Father and the Holy Spirit love to glorify Jesus with miracles done in His name.

5. He likes to show himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are fully devoted to him. (2 Chron. 16:9) Now every day I am saying, "Lord, you are my survival bunker. I dwell in you. You are better to dwell in than any survival bunker a billionaire can build." The Psalmist said, "You are my strong tower. You are my shield." We can say, "You are my hiding place! You are my security. The Lord is my shepherd!" I LOVE YOU! GOD BLESS YOU!