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Dear Friend of MCM,

Dr. David Livingstone, Scottish missionary and African Explorer, queried:

“Why is it that, when we are given a commission by a worldly king, we regard it as an honour but when we are given a commission by the Heavenly King, we regard it as a sacrifice?”

In 2 Kings 5:1-14 we read about Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Aram [Syria]. He is described as being a great man and honorable because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria. He was a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper. He had a young girl from Israel as a slave; she served Naaman’s wife.

This young courageous girl told her mistress about the prophet Elisha in Samaria. News got to Naaman and then to the king, who sent a letter to the king of Israel with Naaman, together with silver, gold, and clothing. This king was interested in having Naaman healed of leprosy, but when the king of Israel read the letter, the king of Israel rent his clothes, and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man does send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.” (2 Kings 5:7)

Elisha heard what happened and sent to the king to have the man come to him, “and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

Elisha did not come out himself, but sent a messenger with an obedience. “Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean.” (2 Kings 5:10)



What! Go wash in a dirty river and suddenly someone is clean and free of disease? It made no sense, and Naaman got upset and went away. He thought Elisha himself would come out and call on the name of his God and strike his hand over the place and heal him of his leprosy. He had it all figured out in his own mind how this would play out. The rivers in Damascus (Syria) were better than all the waters of Israel. Naaman was angry to the point of rage.

Naaman's servants stepped in. "My father, if the prophet had bid you do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather then, when he says to you, Wash, and be clean?" (1 Kings 5:13) So Naaman obeyed and was healed according to the word of the prophet Elisha.

Of course, the story goes on, and you can read it for yourself, but concerning this part, I believe what I received from the LORD to be:

If I asked of you a great thing, would you do it? If I asked of you a small thing, would you do it? You seek for meaning and purpose in your lives. You seek Me to know My will for you.

But have I not declared it? My Word declares what pleases Me, what is expected of you as Mine. I have set forth My desires from generation to generation. Have I changed? Find out what pleases the LORD.

To bear witness to the truth, you must know the truth. Who is the truth? What is truth? If My Son is the faithful and true witness, then examine His testimony. Search the Scriptures.

My Word is truth. My Son is Truth. The Spirit is truth. I am the One, true, and living God. Knowing Me prepares you to do what I ask of you, for then you will trust Me as you follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

We are in a battle for truth as we prepare to go into France. France has played a prominent role in the history of the Church going back to the early martyrs and bishops of the faith. Believers there suffered persecution holding to their testimony and to their witness to truth. They battled heresies and false ideologies. They established early church doctrines, disciplines, and government. The NT canon came into being largely because of Irenaeus of Lyon and his apologies for the faith. Their stories are not to be forgotten, and what they established must from generation to generation be examined and compared with Scripture, the Word of God in order that truth be separated from lie and preserved. I received more:

Prepare for war. This is an age-old battle, the battle between truth and lie. Who is the liar? It is the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ. 1 John 2:22-25. [Who is a liar but the one that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ, that denies the Father and the Son. Whosoever denies the Son, the same has not the Father: (but) he that acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning. If that which you have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, you also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father, and this is the promise that He has promised us, even eternal life.]

Do not stray. 1 John 4:20, 21 [If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loves God love his brother also.]

Let not the sun go down while you are still angry. Do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26, 27

1 John 2:3-6 [And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that says, I know Him, and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keeps His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him. He that says he abides in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.]

Psalms 63 [Pray this psalm if you can. Psalm 63:11 says, But the king shall rejoice in God: every one that swears by Him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.]

The mouths of liars will be silenced.

Revelation 21:7, 8 [He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.]

Do not be deceived. Let God be true but every man a liar. Romans 3:4

Now more than ever you must know Him whom you have believed; and what you believe must accord with truth. My Word is truth, but diligently seek to divide it rightly. Do not stand on sand or even rocky soil lest you sink or sprain your ankle and trip and lose your footing. Stand on a sure foundation with your feet shod with the Gospel of peace.

It has begun, and yet it is old. The false mixes with the true. Jesus is Truth. The Spirit is truth, the Spirit of truth.

To stand in the evil day will take truth in the inward parts. You must KNOW.

Think of the testimony, the witness of those who testify to the Truth. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth. He is the true and faithful witness. But also His—1 John 1:1-3.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

You are called to bear witness to the truth in your generation. I call you to preserve the truth and to persevere in it.

Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life. He who overcomes will not be hurt at the second death. (Revelation 2:10, 11, to the Church at Smyrna)

I have been to Smyrna (now called Izmir) in Turkey. The church is still there and functioning, surrounded by mosques. It is known as “Polycarp’s Church”) inasmuch as Polycarp (69-155 A.D.) was a disciple of the Apostle John. Polycarp was the Bishop of Smyrna. The story of his martyrdom makes us sit up in awe, and I encourage you to research it for yourselves. Irenaeus was sent out from there to Lyon, France. Irenaeus (c.130-202 A.D.) was discipled by Polycarp and became Bishop of Lugdunum, now Lyon. He also was martyred, but after the great persecution of Lyon which occurred in 177 A.D. Look that up, too, if you want to be inspired and also more prepared in the midst of events occurring now around the world.

"mindset" {noun}

a set of beliefs or a way of thinking that determines one's behavior, outlook and mental attitude.

These early believers had a mindset that prepared them. They drew strength and courage from the Word of God. Their testimonies show how God prepared them for their destinies. Search it all out on your own or follow us online. At Craighouse® I am leading a series on “The Martyrs of the Faith.” The audio tapes and handout sheets for discussion can be found by going to www.tffr.zxq.net. (TFFR stands for “The Friendly Fire Room.”) It’s something new MCM is doing to encourage your faith and discovery in the Word; and it’s FREE.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are excited about all that God is doing through MCM. We have two mission teams heading out this month and another mission trip to Israel in the works for 2014. We hope those of you in the Fort Lauderdale area will come and

see. Your prayers, gifts, and participation in what God is doing will be blessed by Him as you remember MCM. We love you and appreciate you!

For His glory,

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*It is a faithful saying:
For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:
If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:
If we deny him, he also will deny us:
If we believe not, yet he abides faithful; he cannot deny himself.
2 Timothy 2:11-13*

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