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Chapter 1 DAVID'S 3-D ARMY

David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. (1 Sam. 22:1-2)

The transformation of a ragtag band of soldiers recorded in 1 Samuel 22 through 30 must surely be one of the most amazing of any group in history.

David, already anointed by the prophet Samuel to be the next king of Israel and already a celebrated hero for his victory over the giant Goliath, had to flee for his life. It seems that King Saul didn't enjoy the way things were going. People on the street were singing songs about the young warrior (1 Samuel 18). Even Saul's son Jonathan had sided with David (1 Samuel 20). Soon Saul's dissatisfaction with the situation turned to jealousy. Blinded by his rage, Saul made plans to destroy David and thereby regain the kingdom's loyalty and praise.

David, warned by Jonathan, ended up in a cave. It must have been a rather large cavern, for he was soon joined by a strange band of 400 followers, the original 3-D army.

Why do I call it the 3-D army? It has nothing to do with the movies of the 1950s and 1960s that required everyone to wear paper and plastic glasses. Remember those?

No, it has nothing to do with cinema. Instead, it has to do with the characteristics of David's ragtag band of followers. All of them were apparently in trouble. The Bible specifically records three challenges that they variously faced: distress, debt, and discontent.

Many in this 3-D army were David's relatives. I can tell you with great certainty that it

wasn't a group most people would like to captain. In fact, I'm not sure there is a pastor in the world who would knowingly accept the call to a church consisting of 400 people troubled by distress, debt, and discontent.

So, what did David do? We don't know every word he said during the coming weeks and months, but we do know that David began preaching a message of victory and recovery.

How do we know that?

TOTAL RECOVERY 101

Take a look through the Psalms. The book that offers 150 of the richest, most profound chapters in the Bible was originally David's God-inspired journal and songbook. It was composed during the best and the worst of times.

The first sentence of the Psalms starts with the word Blessed.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Ps. 1:1-3)

Over and over, as David faced challenges against overwhelming odds he found a way to keep himself from joining in with the 3-D chorus. More importantly, he was able to point his unlikely band of soldiers toward a better future.

In fact, in 1 Samuel 30 an amazing story of restoration and abundance unfolds:

But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God... and David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all. (1 Sam. 30:6, 8)

What happened between the accounts recorded in 1 Samuel 20 and 30 to make

such a difference? Whatever it was, David came to the glorious place where he could write:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...He restoreth my soul...Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. (Ps. 23:1, 3-5)

God's will was for David to recover everything that he lost. In the midst of David's crisis, even when people failed him, even when unjust things happened, and even after the enemy stole everything from him, he was able to recover all.

I believe that we're safe in assuming that David began preaching his message of recovery and victory to his little 3-D band early on. You see, as we move beyond 1 Samuel within one generation the country was overrun with abundance. According to 2 Chronicles 1:15, by the time Solomon became King of Israel, silver and gold were "as plenteous as stones."

Can you imagine? Through total recovery the land became a place where precious metals were as common as rocks. God used David to build a powerful, victorious nation out of a small band of people who had once been mired in distress, debt, and discontent.

TOTAL RECOVERY TODAY

I believe that total recovery can be as much a part of our Christian world in the 21st century as it was in David's time. There are many marvelous passages in God's Word that establish the fact that God has promised restoration and abundance.

You see, recovery is not something that we just hope for. It is the promise of God. Whether we understand and apply the principles of recovery or not, God has made these principles available to us.

What does it mean to experience this kind of restoration and abundance? It means that you regain all that has been stolen from you through the eternal work of the one with the name above every name—the Lord Jesus. Through Him you regain your strength, are restored to health, are rescued from destruction, become established in God's Kingdom, and are made new. Lost time is

redeemed. You are refreshed, replenished, and revived. You recover all!

Joel 2:23-26 contains a glorious promise that is as potent and powerful for today's believers as it was when it was given.

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Restoration! Overflow! Plenty! God's will is that you lack nothing good in your

life. I believe with all my heart that is exactly what God has promised.

It is up to us as His people to prepare our lives for total recovery by increasing our capacity to receive God's abiding and abundant grace. It is also up to us to spend enough time with Him to understand how our definition of "good" is often much different from what God's goodness really is.

THE GOD OF RECOVERY

Throughout God's dealing with the human race, we see repeatedly that the Lord is the God of recovery. Certainly when God the Father gave His Son, the Lord Jesus, to die as a sacrifice for our sin He determined that His children should recover all.

When you made the decision to give your life to Christ Jesus, old things passed away and all things became new. As you take on His life, you receive abundant life. The Word of God even says that Jesus "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20).

The Lord has given many great and precious promises to us dealing with recovery—

from Abraham to the children of Israel, from Job to the prodigal son, from the widow of Zarephath (who fed Elijah her last meal) to blind Bartimaeus. In each instance, when all seemed lost God restored abundantly and supernaturally.

Still, so many Christians have only scratched the surface of understanding total recovery and how to obtain it. We spend so much time looking back at what we lost or focus so much on our future in Heaven that we neglect what God desires for us right now!

Kathryn Kuhlman used to say, "The saddest thing is going to be for some people, when they get to Heaven and find out how much they missed here."

One day in Heaven, we will experience the complete fullness of God, but it is important not to overlook that God wants you to be blessed here on earth right now. The Lord's will is to see you whole, your life restored and all that you have lost totally recovered.

THE WORD—A BOOK OF RECOVERY

From beginning to end, the Bible is a book of recovery. God created man and woman in abundance and placed them in a

marvelous garden where they had all that they could ever want or need. Yet they fell away from the Lord and began to live in sin. Adam lost all, and Christ came to recover what was lost.

Your life is also a story of recovery.

Once you were lost, and now you are found.

Once you were blind, and now you can see.

Your testimony is a story of recovery. The second you were born again you came under the law of resurrection, and you were delivered from the law of destruction.

The Lord has already performed the promises in His Word for you. So why should recovery be a foreign thing to you? God's love is so great for you that He has been leading you toward total recovery—even while you did not know how much you needed to be rescued from sin and destruction.

Charles Finney, one of the great Christian evangelists and writers of the 1800s, spoke with powerful conviction when he said:

> God's love is not based on His being satisfied with us or having a high opinion of us. There is no

basis in us for such a love. Thus, God's love can be nothing but the love of unselfish benevolence.

In God's great mercy, He brought you out of darkness and into light, out of sickness and into health, out of bondage and into liberty. That is recovery, and—as God's child—you must keep going forward in this powerful, miraculous life. The Lord has so much more that He wants to add to you each day!

THE PROMISE OF TOTAL RECOVERY

The Word of God promises, "blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee" (Deut. 28:2). Yet we have embraced so little of what God has promised. We must begin to think the way that God wants us to think and receive His promises in our lives.

God's people are a mighty people. We are not a ragtag 3-D army! We must get the world's thinking of loss and lack out of our minds. As a Christian, you are under a completely different umbrella or covering than those who have not accepted the Lord Jesus in their life.

We are not the devil's slaves. We don't have to live on a bare existence of negativity,

defeat, sickness, and loss. Ephesians 4:23-24 points this out: "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness."

We are not cowering in darkness. We are standing in the light of great glory. God's blessing of total recovery is ours by promise!

THE LAW OF LIFE

Since the day that you became a Christian, the power of God has been working in you to reverse what the devil has stolen. 1 Corinthians 15:22 says, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Adam was created by God to stay alive, yet Adam went from life to death, and since then all men have gone from life to death.

Christ wants to reverse the process. Through Him, we move from death to life: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2).

God's children live under a different set of rules than the world. The world's system says that everything born must die. God says everything that dies will live. The world says everything starts out new and gets old. God says the old can become new. The world says everything strong becomes weak. God says everything weak can become strong. In fact, scientists universally agree that we live in an ever-expanding universe, more new than old.

We serve the God who makes all things new! The world goes from light to dark, but God says, "From darkness, I will make light." The world goes from liberty to bondage, but God says that we go from bondage to liberty. When you come under the influence of the Holy Ghost, you come under the influence of the law of new life. The old man is put off, and the new man is put on.

The world says full becomes empty, but God says empty becomes full. When you come to God, you are empty, and He fills you up! If someone goes to the devil full, he will pour what you already have out of you, and he will empty you out.

God did not intend for the strong to become weak, for the light to become dark, and for the healthy to become sick. God ordained that the negative become positive, not the other way around. Adam brought the negative through sin, and Christ brought the positive through the work of the cross.

LOST AND FOUND

When you are in Christ, you tap into a positive power working in your life. As a Christian, God's power affects your life in such a way that you are actually turned around.

Before you gave your life to the Lord, you were going one way and being pulled in one direction by an evil force. That evil force pulls people from life to death, light to dark, and freedom to bondage. When Jesus entered your life, God said you would now go from darkness to light, sickness to health, bondage to liberty, and weakness to strength. Psalm 30:11 says, "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing."

For the Christian, recovery is a process that begins in Jesus Christ. It is for you, today! As your life is filled with God's Word, and you act upon your faith, you will have the authority to take back or regain what has been stolen from you. It is your legal right to reclaim what belongs to you.

The law of God concerning a thief is clear in the Bible, and the Word tells us that

Satan is a thief. Therefore, the law of God applies to him regarding what has been stolen from you. Exodus chapter 22 says a thief shall, "restore" and "make full restitution."

The devil must make full restitution for what he has stolen from you. That is the law of God, and the devil must obey it. The Word of God says, "If the thief be found, let him pay double" (Exod. 22:7). The enemy must pay you back double for what you have lost.

It is time we subpoena the devil and bring an indictment against him, find him guilty, and force him to restore everything in the name of Jesus. Our God is the God of the lost and found. This is your day to find and recover what you have lost!

RESTORATION AND ABUNDANCE

What does it mean to experience total recovery? It means that you regain all that has been stolen from you, and more!

Like David, you can discover these lifechanging principles as you overcome the three Ds of distress, debt, and discontent. On the following pages you will learn

• how to develop the four Ps—praise,

- prayer, pursuit, and power;
- how to equip yourself with the biblical weapons of war; and
- how to unleash the authority you've been given to take back what the enemy of your soul has taken.

The simple but profound three-word phrase from 1 Samuel 30:19—"David recovered all"—should cause great faith to rise in the heart of every believer. You can start your own total recovery as you move into a new dimension of faith and blessing—from this moment forward!

Chapter 2 TOTAL RECOVERY THROUGH PRAISE

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. (Ps. 47:1)

avid's decision to praise the Lord, even in the midst of his troubles, and even while surrounded by his unlikely 3-D army, became a crucial turning point in his life.

How bad did it get? After the struggles in the cave and the battles with Saul, things kept getting worse. 1 Samuel 30:1-3 gives a haunting description of how gloomy things got before the dawn broke:

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; and had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went

on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

So much happened to him! It may even be hard for you to identify with David. Then again, your troubles may seem even more overwhelming. Perhaps you have gone through loss and theft, but it's hard to imagine how it must feel to come home one day and find everything is gone. That is exactly what happened to David, as reported in these verses. He lost everything!

Let's continue with 1 Samuel 30:4: "Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep."

David and his followers cried until they could cry no more. Have you ever experienced loss to the point where you had no more tears left?

There is a time when there is nothing else to do but cry and let the sorrow come out of you. In times of great loss, benefit comes to the heart as it is loosed from sorrowful emotions.

Fenelon, a respected 16th-century French writer, said this:

God doesn't want to discourage you or to spoil you. Embrace the difficult circumstances you find yourself in—even when you feel they will over whelm you. Allow God to mold you through the events He allows in your life. This will make you flexible toward the will of God. The events of your life are like a furnace for the heart. All your impurities are melted and your old ways are lost.

David experienced emotions that overwhelmed him and great trouble to the point where he wept with sorrow. But when his crying was done, something mighty happened:

> David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him... but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. (1 Sam. 30:6)

When David remembered to praise God, regardless of the situation, everything began changing.

RECOVERING ALL THROUGH PRAISE

The Bible does not say that David was merely distressed; it says that he was "greatly distressed." He was in the lowest place that he could be and quite possibly at one of the bleakest points in his life.

David was in a desperate place, but he chose not to focus on his trouble. Instead, he looked at what God could do through it. In other words, he began praising God in the midst of his trouble by encouraging himself in the Lord. It didn't just happen this one time. In fact, the Psalms are filled with praise and worship, despite the dire situations.

The Bible has many such stories. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3) trusted in the Lord. As they praised God in the midst of the fire, the Lord preserved them. People outside the furnace could even see the form of a fourth person inside with the three Hebrews. And when they came out, not even the smell of smoke was upon them. When you begin praising God in the midst of whatever fire you are going through, miracles can happen. He will show up and rescue you!

Move to the New Testament account of the apostle Paul (Acts 16). He and Silas were imprisoned unjustly, but they did not look at the circumstances and become defeated. Instead, they began to sing praises in the night. An earthquake struck the area, and the chains fell off. Only those who praise God during difficulty experience God's mighty, delivering power.

It is easy to praise God when everything is going well. It is easy to say "with his stripes I am healed" when you are healthy, but when sickness strikes it is not so easy. It is easy to say, "I am more than a conqueror" when everything is going wonderfully for you and you feel like you are on top of the world.

The question is this: Can you maintain an attitude of victory when everything seems to go wrong? More importantly, can you praise God when you are mired in trouble?

PRAISE

Part of the problem rests in the fact that too many people don't understand what praise is. There are several Hebrew words used for praise:

1. The first and most often used is the

word **hallal**; where the word hallelujah comes from. Hallal means to boast in, to celebrate, and to talk with excitement about God. The English translation for hallelujah literally means praise Jehovah. Every time you say hallelujah, you are praising the Lord.

- 2. Another word for praise is **yadah**, which means to worship with extended hands. Psalm 134:2 says, Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. Extending your hands is an act of praise and worship of the Lord. When the enemy begins to cause everything around you to crumble, you can lift your hands and start celebrating God. Psalm 63:4 says, "Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name."
- 3. You can also praise the Lord by saying the Hebrew word **barach**, which means to bless, salute, and kneel before. Barach is the same word that David used in Psalm 103, when he said, Bless the Lord, O my soul. David was saying, barach Adonai, or bless the Lord

4. Another word for praise is **sharu**, which means to sing unto the Lord. The psalmist said, "I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high" (Ps. 7:17).

No matter what situation you are in today, you can lift up praises unto the Lord. It's a principle that is absolutely vital for every believer who seeks to rise above life's many challenges. Praise will lead you to total recovery.

SEVEN GLORIOUS REASONS

Why praise God? There are countless wonderful incentives mentioned throughout the Bible. Let's look at seven vital reasons for you to begin moving into a deeper dimension of praise.

First, **praise is where God lives**. When you praise Him, you come to His house. Psalm 22:3 says, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." God inhabits the praise of Israel. Praise is God's address, so when you praise Him you are coming to where He lives.

Second, praise is the access you are

given to the presence of God. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." You enter into God's gates with thanksgiving in your heart and into His courts with praise.

Third, praise is a God-given garment that drives away the spirit of heaviness. Isaiah 61:3 says that God has given you "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." A garment in this instance of Scripture refers to a covering against oppression and any burden that tries to weigh you down.

Fourth, **praise brings deliverance**. Psalm 50:23 says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." If you want to experience deliverance in your life, you must praise the Lord. The word salvation in this verse also means deliverance. Praise breaks the chains that bind you.

Fifth, **praise brings protection** and preservation. Psalm 59:17 says, "Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy." There is protection in praise, and when you honor

the Lord you will be preserved:

My praise shall be continually of thee. I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge. Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day. (Ps. 71:6-8)

Sixth, praise is an arsenal against your enemies. Praising God helps you fight the enemy. The Lord is mighty, and when you speak of Him the devil is constrained. Psalm 149:6–9 points this out clearly:

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

Seventh, **praise releases God to do battle for you**. 2 Chronicles 20:22 teaches:

And when they began to sing and to

praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

When Israel began to sing and praise God, God began to fight for it. As you lift your praises to Him, the Lord goes before you to fight on your behalf.

GOD THE SOURCE

David concentrated upon God's promises rather than making his problems the central point of his focus. Problems come and go all the time. Things will always change in your life, and that is why it is so important to lay a foundation of praise.

In writing the 23rd Psalm, David recognized God as his source for everything: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." David had a proper view of prosperity and life. The already-anointed king of Israel looked openly to God for his provision.

One of the problems of people today is that they have a horizontal viewpoint, not a vertical one. They look around at the price of fuel, unemployment statistics, the always-fluctuating markets, wars, the Middle East, and crime rates. It's no wonder people wallow in distress, debt, and discontent. When we look at the worst of things, we find things getting worse.

Just imagine what would happen in your life if you start believing God's Word and trusting in His authority as much as you trust the words of news people and "experts." 2 Corinthians 1:20 says, "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen." You can count on what God says to you with your whole heart. You don't have to rely on the latest news bulletins for what happens in your life.

Look at David. With loss all around, he encouraged himself in the Lord his God, because he believed God's promises of recovery. Psalm 130:5 says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope."

David did not become a prisoner to his difficulty and circumstances. Neither will you if you believe God is your source.

David made a decision that he would not forget God's Word, no matter what he was going through. He knew that God's Word would quicken him. He said:

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts. The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies. (Ps. 119:93–95)

When the enemy came to destroy him, David counted on the Lord. He chose to meditate on God's Word.

When the enemy of your soul seeks to steal from you and destroy everything in sight, what should you do? Consider God's promises. The Lord said when the enemy comes in like a flood, God will raise up a standard against him.

The psalmist said, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" (Ps. 5:3). When trouble comes your way, praise God for His promises and remember His Word. In those moments, you must remember that God's Word says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).

When the world forgets you, God does not. He will fulfill His Word in your life. Isaiah 55:11 shares how God's Word will not return void, "but it shall accomplish" what God pleases, "and it shall prosper" where God sends it.

The Lord is faithful to watch over His own. David recognized the importance of seeing God as his source. That's why he chose to praise Him. That foundation in his life allowed him to stand securely upon the Lord Most High. That's why David could write, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable" (Ps. 145:3).

Will you praise God regardless of the situation in your life? Praise is a powerful foundation as you move into the supernatural dimension of total recovery.

Chapter 3 TOTAL RECOVERY THROUGH PRAYER

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. (Ps. 143:1)

Based on what we read again and again throughout the Psalms, David learned that prayer is vital to anyone who desires safety, restoration, and abundance. He knew, through praying during the darkest hours, that supplication taps into God's faithfulness.

Only through prayer can we keep that which God gives us. It is prayer that brings the anointing, and it is prayer that keeps the anointing. It is prayer that brings the miraculous; it is prayer that keeps the miraculous. Prayer brings deliverance, and prayer keeps us delivered.

Dr. Benson Idahosa—my dear friend from Nigeria—once said to me: "If you want

God to keep anointing you today and increase the anointing on you continually, you must pray as hard as you did when you had nothing."

David certainly seemed to understand this. He had nothing during those dark days in the cave at Adullam as he began building a powerful nation from his unlikely 3-D army. Later, as his stature grew, he remained strong as long as he kept praying.

It was through prayer that he moved into rotal recovery, as recorded in 1 Samuel 30:8:

And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

After all he had been through during the battles with Goliath, Saul, and the Amalekites, David was not inclined to act without prayerfully asking for God's direction. He showed, in full view of his army, that he was dependent upon God. David surrendered, once again, to the Lord's will.

In answer to his prayer, God not only confirmed what David was to do but also gave him the assurance of victory.

PRAYER KEYS

God was there when David faced wild animals as a shepherd boy. He was there when a youthful David stood in Goliath's massive shadow. He was there when David hid from Saul in the cave. God was there as David began leading his band of soldiers away from the prisons of distress, debt, and discontent.

God wants to be there with you in the midst of your times of trouble as well. During those moments, you can call upon the Lord. Your Redeemer, Christ Jesus, is standing by to help when distress, worry, grief, affliction, pain, depression, entanglement, setbacks, sorrow, and loss come to your life. God hears the cries of those who are in trouble. David certainly remembered the Lord's ever present help when he wrote, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Ps. 50:15).

David had experienced God's faithfulness many times when he penned these words:

For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth; to hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death. (Ps. 102:19-20)

The strongholds the devil has tried to place upon you must break away when you cry out to the mighty One of Israel in prayer. Prayer frees you from defeat and hopelessness and brings God's abundance and direction to your life.

What about the times when trouble hits so hard that you feel too weak to even pray? David knew about those too. Psalm 40:12 describes some feelings that you may have experienced:

For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

When you are unable to look up, never forget that the Lord is always watching over

you. He knows your situation and where you are right now. The Lord is the strength of your heart. Psalm 73:26 says, "My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."

Charles Finney once said these powerful truths:

Every Christian has his season of being empty so that he may feel his dependence. However, soon he is clothed with strength from on high, and an immortal, superhuman strength takes possession of his soul. The enemy gives way before him. In Christ he can run against a troop, and in His strength he can leap over a wall.

The Lord will fill you with His supernatural strength from on high when you are too weak to pray. All that you have to do is mention His name. Just call upon the name of Jesus, and He will be near to you, to help and strengthen you. The Lord looks at your heart, and He will be pleased to deliver you and will "make haste to help" you (Ps. 40:13).

OVERCOMING THE ENEMY

The moment you begin to pray and take your rightful place in God, you will find Him mighty and right there by your side. Isaiah 12:6 says, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

Crying out to God implies seeking Him with all your heart: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." God promises to reveal himself to you as you pray. He said, "I will be found of you... and I will turn away your captivity" (Jer.29:13–14).

Prayer literally drives the devil away from all that belongs to you. The devil knows this, and that is why he will fight to try to keep you from prayer. In Psalm 56:9, David shared, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me."

The devil flees when you pray and command him to go. The apostle Paul understood this revelation, and that is why he encouraged that we should "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17).

The enemy knows that he is defeated when you pray, so he will do everything that he can do to keep you from prayer. That is why it is so important to make prayer a priority. Set an appointment with God and keep it.

As you make it a point to pray, things will come up that will interrupt and distract you. The phone may ring, or someone may come to the door, but you must not allow these things to keep you from spending time with God.

You might even need to unplug your phone and to ask your spouse or someone in your family to go and answer the door if someone knocks. Prayer is vital to every believer's life; it causes your enemies to turn back. So whatever you do, do not miss time in fellowship with God.

PRAYER BRINGS RESTORATION

Prayer is the key to your total recovery and restoration. As you pray, God washes your heart with the healing water of His presence. Fellowship with the Lord will make you whole.

We've already discussed the promises of total recovery found in Joel:

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. (Joel 2:25-26)

The promise of restoration is tied to the principle of prayer. In fact, the Lord said, "pray" three times in Joel chapter 2 before He promised to restore the years, to pour out His Spirit's blessing on the people, and to drive out the enemy.

The message here is very clear: God will empower you and destroy the works of the enemy when you pray. The Lord Jesus will bind the devil that has tried to bind you, attack you, and steal what belongs to you as you call upon His Holy name in prayer.

Your prayer is the vehicle that God Almighty flows through to accomplish His purpose and will on the earth. When you speak and say "in the name of Jesus," God flows through your words and flows through your life as a channel for His power. That is the reason you can command the enemy to go with boldness. Jesus has all authority, and He gave it to you.

Through prayer, God releases His mighty power to open prison doors and set captives free. Prayer changes us and changes things, as He begins moving when you stand upon His name.

KEEP PRAYING

Sometimes, one day of prayer will not do. Sometimes, two days of prayer will not do. God knows that you are serious about seeking Him when you pray and keep praying and do not give up.

When God sees your determination, He will even send angels to bring your answer. In prison, the angel of the Lord came to Peter and "a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands" (Acts 12:7). Not only was Peter released from prison because of prayer but also Herod, who had imprisoned Peter, was slain. God will destroy your enemies if you will pray.

When the enemy comes against you, you can pull down strongholds through prayer. You can stand against him, with the Word of God, a two-edged sword, in your hand, and say, "No, in Jesus' name!" Prayer penetrates the enemy's camp, delivers captives, and releases the spoils that have been stolen from you.

Daniel prayed for 21 days before he got his answer, and you may need to pray for a season too, but never forget that breakthrough will come to you as you are committed to pray. Luke 18:7–8 says, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."

God's direction and promise for you today is to pray for total recovery, "for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all" (1 Sam. 30:8). Prayer will help you prevail against your enemies. Everything begins changing when you tap into the power of prayer.

Chapter 4 TOTAL RECOVERY THROUGH PURSUIT

Pursue after your enemies... for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand. (Josh. 10:19)

hat is **pursuit** in a spiritual sense? More importantly, what does pursuing the enemy have to do with total recovery?

David received a clear word from the Lord regarding pursuing his enemy:

And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all. (1 Sam. 30:8)

As David pursued his enemy, he recovered all. You can too as you pursue your ene-

mies. Spiritual pursuit takes place when you put your prayer into action by acting upon that which you believe. David prayed, and then he acted in faith. In Aramaic, the word for faith is faithing, which means faith that is acting. David prayed, and then he acted. Faith acts, and faith is not faith unless it is moving and living faith.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This passage begins by saying "now faith," revealing that faith is present tense. Faith is always in the now. It is always in the present, and if it is not now it is not faith.

David pursued his enemies by acting upon what God said to him. The Lord said "pursue," so David acted upon God's word: "So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him" (1 Sam. 30:9). David put his faith into action by following through with what God had instructed him to do. He did not sit idly, hoping for something to happen. He pursued his enemy, and God gave him the victory.

DAVID RECOVERED ALL BY PURSUING THE ENEMY

Who is your enemy? On this we must be very clear, and we must understand what and who we face.

The Bible calls the devil a thief: one who steals. Thieves do not just walk around looking at things. No! They steal valuables. John 10:10 paints a clear picture of this:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

God is a giver, and Satan is a taker. God restores, and Satan steals. God recovers, and Satan removes. In fact, God gives so much life, that it is not just life, it is **abundant** life or life that is so great that it flows out of you to touch others. Abundant life can be described like a cup that runs over with life, so much so that you have to drink from your saucer because your cup is overflowing.

David experienced loss through a thief, but David did not lose faith in God. David

continued to trust in God's Word and stand upon God's promises. 1 Samuel 30:10 says, "David pursued." He sought out the enemy and persisted in God's Word.

Many Christians do not know how to pursue and become fearful at the thought of going into battle. But the Word says God girds His people with "strength unto the battle" and subdues those that rise up against you (Ps. 18:39).

To recover all, you must be willing to put your faith in God's Word, as David did, and to pursue your enemy. It is up to you to aggressively go after everything that God promised to you in His Word. The more you come to know the Lord, the more you find out that He has so much more waiting for you to receive.

ACTING UPON YOUR FAITH

Nothing miraculous happens without faith. Until Moses stretched the rod over the Red Sea, the water stayed intact. Until David unleashed the small stone from his sling, Goliath towered over him, sneering at the young man's God.

Think about the faith that it took for

Bartimaeus to cry out to the Lord, "Have mercy on me." Those around him were most likely discomforted by his yelling and said, "be quiet." Nevertheless, he kept shouting out, "Lord, have mercy on me, Son of David, have mercy on me." What was Bartimaeus doing? He was acting upon his faith, and he got his answer.

Another example was the woman with the issue of blood. Her faith was so remarkable that her miracle is recorded in Matthew 9, Mark 5, and Luke 8. She said, "If I may but touch Him, I'll be made whole." She reached out for her answer, the Lord Jesus, and she was healed. Jesus even spoke about her actions that brought total recovery; "Thy faith hath made thee whole" (Matt. 9:22).

The early church is another example of faith in action. On the Day of Pentecost "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

Believers prayed and then began to speak, acting upon the revelation they were given. Like the early church, we must not wait and then react but rather act first in faith and then see God move. You see, pursuit is faith in action:

It is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Heb. 11:6)

Pursuit, or active faith, brings victory!

POSSESSING THE LAND

David understood the principle of pursuit. Undoubtedly, he had heard many times the accounts of the children of Israel:

And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. (Deut. 2:31)

God said, "I have begun to give." God doesn't give until people start moving and acting upon his Word by faith. God will take care of the enemy in your way, but once He gives you the land you must go and possess it. He leaves it up to you to overcome that obstacle. You cannot inherit until you take ownership—until you receive what God has promised to you.

This is true even of salvation.

Forgiveness is a free gift, bought by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet God does not force you to accept the Savior into your heart. Only you can do that.

VALIANT PURSUIT

It's time we begin to pursue all that God has set in store for us. Psalm 108:13 declares, "Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies."

The people that place their trust in God and then act on faith, can accomplish great things for the Kingdom. Daniel 11:32 says that you will be strong and "do exploits."

Whatever enemy and obstacle has held you back, stolen from you, and caused you sorrow must flee away in the name of Jesus. But you must put your faith into action:

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4-5)

The believer gains victory! The fearful say, "This job, circumstance, or thing is too big, I cannot do it." But the bold say, "With God on my side, I will overcome!" The best soldiers in all of Israel thought Goliath was too big for David to defeat, but David obviously thought, "Goliath is so big, I can't miss!"

God promises to help you overcome whatever you face, as you seek His direction.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteous ness. (Isa. 41:10)

God is your redeemer, and He will help you. The Lord is with you as He was with David and his 3-D army. God has ordained for you to recover all, to be victorious, and to be more than a conqueror. Becoming a champion is a decision that you make for yourself. God has already given you everything that you need to be victorious. You must simply decide that you are going to arise and possess the land that He has given you. Pursue!

Chapter 5 TOTAL RECOVERY THROUGH POWER

And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away. (1 Sam. 30:18)

Before you can attack the enemy's camp, you must know your authority as a believer. I've heard someone say, "Any soldier running into the enemy's camp naked is a fool." We cannot afford to be foolish when it comes to recovery.

You must not run into the enemy's camp unarmed and unprepared. Remember, the devil's success is dependent on the ignorance of believers. Therefore, you must be very wise, full of the Word of God and of His power.

David was full of God's Word. He knew his authority as God's child, and he acted upon that knowledge against the warring tribe that had stolen everything from him:

And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great,

neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all. And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil. (1 Sam. 30:19–20)

There was nothing lacking to David after he attacked the Amalekites and took back what belonged to him. God restored everything that was lost to David, and God can do the same for you. The Word says, "David recovered all." Now put your name in David's place and say aloud, "I am recovering all."

DAVID RECOVERED ALL BY PENETRATING THE ENEMY'S CAMP

An Egyptian led David straight to his enemy's camp. The Word of God says that David came upon his enemies while they were eating, drinking, and dancing. They were unprepared, not knowing that David and his army were about to show up. Often, sadly, the enemy comes upon God's children when we are unaware. It should be the other way around. God wants you to be prepared

to penetrate the enemy's camp and to recovery all that has been stolen from you.

God has given you power over all the power of the enemy. Every part of Satan's kingdom is under your feet:

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord. (Isa. 54:17)

God has given incredible power to those who understand the principles of total recovery.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)

You have authority over all the power of the enemy the Word says! The enemy will try to attack you, but you have a shield of faith all around you, and his missiles cannot penetrate it. The great writer E. M. Bounds

said, "The devil lets his fiery, poisoned darts fly, but faith catches them as they are directed at head or heart, and quenches them."

The key is that you must be armed and protected by following the promises of God's Word. These promises lead to supernatural power.

Several different Greek words translate into the English word power. One of them is **dunamis**, which means "power that reproduces itself." Another is the word we use for **authority**, which is power to command, influence, and administrate. Power in Greek is also translated as **exusia**, meaning "**delegated authority.**" The Lord Jesus has given you the right to stand in His stead and proclaim His victory in your situation and liberty for those who are captive.

Not only do you have His authority by promise, the Word of God also clearly declares that the devil has already been defeated. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, destroyed the works of the devil, and triumph is yours today.

Jesus won the victory, and you have been given the privilege to enforce that victory, to administer that victory, to execute it, and to exercise it. The devil was given the spoil by Adam through sin, but today total recovery is yours by promise through Christ Jesus.

GOD'S WORD RELEASED

God's power is released through you because of His Word in you. It is because of God's Word that the enemy is defeated:

Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. (Jer. 1:9–10)

God's Word in you produces God's purpose **through** you. In fact, He has promised that the enemy will not prevail against you:

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee. (Jer. 1:19) The courts of Heaven are higher and greater than the courts of hell, and the law of God is greater than the law of Satan. When you pray, God says to the devil, "Let the one who is bound go!" and the devil must obey. Prayer destroys the legality of Satan; the Bible says that "the prey of the terrible shall be delivered" (Isa. 49:25). God has given you mighty authority as a believer, and that power is tied to His precious name.

THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

God wants His people to know Him and to walk in His power and authority. The very power that raised Jesus from the dead and put Him above all powers and principalities belongs to you. Yet, to be victorious you must know who you are in Christ.

When Jesus' name is mentioned, every enemy must bow. Some people think that this Scripture is for the future, but when Jesus rose from the dead He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18).

When you speak His name, every knee will bow. Every authority will submit to the power in His name. In the book of Luke, the

authority in Jesus' name amazed the Lord's followers: "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name" (Luke 10:17).

What was the Savior's response?

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:20)

Jesus has been given a name above every name:

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. (Phil. 2:9–10)

As you pray, saying "in the name of Jesus," you have supernatural authority over the enemy. God's mighty power will flow through you, and you will experience breakthroughs.

Your battle is not against flesh and blood. Victory and success in the natural are dependent upon victory and success in the spirit realm.

AUTHORITY

David understood authority in the spirit. Although Saul repeatedly chased him, he submitted himself to God's authority. He respected the anointing that God had placed on Saul and would not lift his hand against him. He knew his battle was not against flesh and blood.

Wrote the powerful Chinese teacher Watchman Nee:

If men are to serve God, subjection to authority is an absolute necessity. Obedience transcends our work. Should David rule his kingdom but fail to be subject to God's authority, he would be as useless as Saul.

The Bible reveals how all power in heaven and on earth belongs to the Lord Jesus (Matt. 28:18). The reason the devil causes havoc is that the church will not stand up and resist him. If you look at history, you will see that the devil has convinced the church

that we are powerless so that he can step in and take over.

God gave all power to Jesus, and Jesus gave His power to the church, saying that we should go and teach the nations. As God's people submit to Jesus' authority, we are given authority. You need not fear if you trust in Him. God's Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom.

When David attacked the enemy's camp, he took the spoils away and divided them. There was no mixed message. Everyone in the area knew that the Amalekites had been defeated. God answered David's prayers and brought him total recovery.

Likewise, in the spiritual realm the enemy's spoils have been divided, and the goods are yours. It is finished! You will never find Satan carrying a sword in the Bible.

There is not one Scripture in the Bible that says the devil is carrying anything. All that he has against you are words. You have been given a mighty weapon to counteract the enemy's words—God's Word: "The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17).

All that has been stolen from you is recovered. All that the devil took from you has been restored to you again through the cross of Jesus. Power for total recovery is promised to you! Now you must take it.

You have the authority in the Name that is above all names—Jesus. Now you must use it!

Chapter 6 TOTAL RECOVERY AND YOU

And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the Lord. (1 Sam. 30:26)

David, it meant safety, restoration, recovery, and ultimately abundance. Through praise, prayer, pursuit, and power, he and his band of 3-D followers were transformed into a powerful, prosperous nation.

One of the great reasons for David's triumph is no secret: he was a giver. David celebrated his victory through giving. The way in which he chose to distribute the spoils posed a sharp contrast to the way the Amalekites acted, using everything for their own lusts and pleasures.

David disposed of the spoils in a very different manner, choosing to distribute

everything among his band of 600 men, not just the 400 who had accompanied him into battle, but even the 200 who had been left behind at the brook Besor:

And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil. And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. (1 Sam. 30:20–21)

Some of David's soldiers were greedy and didn't want to share the spoil with those who remained behind, preferring to return only their wives and children, keeping the balance of the goods for themselves. David, however, was just and kind to those who remained behind, honoring them in the same way as those who had fought by his side when he penetrated the camp of the Amalekites and conquered them. David treated the 600 men the same, saying:

For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike. (1 Sam. 30:24)

It's interesting to note the details in the way David honored God as he dispersed the spoil, for he recognized that without God's help he and his company of men would not have recovered the spoil or prevailed over the Amalekites. He also demonstrated principles of wisdom and generosity that would make him an endearing king:

- 1. He gave out of gratitude to God, acting as a good steward of everything that had been recovered.
- 2. He gave justly to his followers, dividing the spoil equally among the 600 men, recognizing that they had all been engaged in battle many times before and had done their part.

Moreover, David didn't stop with his first acts of generosity:

And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the Lord. (1 Sam. 30:26)

David's story of total recovery began in Ziklag, where everything was lost, and it ends with David coming back to Ziklag with total recovery.

A very significant aspect of how David celebrated his victory is revealed in how he sent a portion of the spoils to others. Giving completed David's recovery, as it set the foundation for his growing kingdom.

David recovered his flocks, herds, cattle, and all his spoil. He not only recovered all, but he also took all of his enemies' possessions with him. Then he shared what was given. Upon that foundation, he began building a nation that would become prosperous and mighty. God's promise was fulfilled, "And there was nothing lacking to them... nor any thing that they had taken...David recovered all" (1 Sam. 30:19). Everything that the enemy had stolen was recovered!

SUPERNATURAL BLESSINGS

David obviously knew that a supernatural law is activated by giving, for in Psalm 112 he wrote about activating God's blessing:

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish. (Ps. 112:9-10)

Blessings surround a giver. Malachi 3:11 is even more direct:

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

Giving establishes your authority in God, for the Word records, "his horn shall be exalted with honour" (Ps. 112:9). David understood this principle, and that is why he gave. He had experienced too much loss already and didn't want to have to go back to the 3-D days.

Proverbs 28:20 says, "A faithful man shall abound with blessings." You cannot out give God. He will always give you richer blessings and things that money cannot buy. As you, like David, who gave to God to complete his recovery, remain faithful, God will keep blessing your life.

God created you to have good success, to subdue your enemies, and to attain His promises. The Lord will be faithful to restore all to you, as you walk with Him, just as He restored all to David.

A LIGHT TO THE WORLD

David's total recovery was just the beginning. So it is with us. Our great commission as believers in Jesus Christ is to take the mighty message of the Gospel to all the earth. We are to share it with all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost," and teaching them to observe the Lord's commandments.

Matthew 28:20 says, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The Lord Jesus is counting on you and me to go and tell others about His love, for the Lord knows that when His church truly fulfills this

great commission widespread recovery and revival will come.

Revelation 12:11 clarifies: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Your testimony and the knowledge of what the Lord Jesus has done for you can point many others toward salvation and total recovery. As you share the truth that God has put in your heart, it will bring souls out of darkness and into light, out of bondage and into the liberty of Christ.

Who brings the Gospel into the world? Believers do—you and I do. You are a carrier of the living Word of God, and you have the answer that the world needs. How will the people of the world know that they can recover all and be set free from bondage unless you tell them that Christ Jesus has given them power to penetrate the enemy's camp?

There is a greater, eternal purpose for everything God does in your life—past, present, and future!

TOTAL RECOVERY

Total Recovery is being totally surrounded by the Lord, immersed and encompassed in His care. As you remain "in Him," you will always be victorious. 2 Corinthians 2:14 says, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."

There is no greater abundance than you will find in Christ. The Lord will be faithful to restore all to you as you walk with Him, just as He restored all to David.

No destructive force on this earth can ever take the true riches of His Kingdom away from you. God created you to have good success, to subdue your enemies, and to attain His promises.

PROMISES FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST

Eternal Life—Romans 3:24

Oneness with the Lord—Romans 8:39

Sanctification—1 Corinthians 1:2

Wisdom—1 Corinthians 4:10

Approval—Romans 16:10

Life—1 Corinthians 15:22

Anointing—2 Corinthians 1:21

Triumph—2 Corinthians 2:14

Newness—2 Corinthians 5:17
Reconciliation—2 Corinthians 5:19
Liberty—Galatians 2:4
Faith—Galatians 3:26
Spiritual Blessings—Ephesians 1:3
Mysteries of God—Ephesians 1:10
Good Works—Ephesians 2:10
Love and Mercy—Philippians 2:1
Rejoice—Philippians 3:3
Perfection in Christ—Colossians 1:28
Sound Words—2 Timothy 1:13
Peace—1 Peter 5:14
Nothing can ever separate you from His love.

A PRAYER OF RECOVERY, RESTORATION, AND ABUNDANCE FOR YOU

God, I pray that Your people, who are called by Your name, will experience a new atmosphere of Heaven upon their lives today. Lord, I pray that all that the enemy has stolen from them will be recovered.

God, by Your Holy Spirit, I ask that You would fill them with Your wind and Your fire; baptize them afresh with Your presence. Fill them with prayer and a desire to call upon You in truth, coming to the river of life that they may never thirst again.

Lord, may the reader of this book recover all. God, may all be restored to them. May they spend their days in pleasures and their years in prosperity and abundance God, not because any one of us deserve it, but rather because You promised it. We stand upon Your Holy Word today and claim the promise of Heaven:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:35-39)

Amen!