

News from Bringing to Light

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Positioned To Hear God's Voice

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During the Christmas season, I had the opportunity to read the Christmas story and meditate and research its truths. I was richly blessed, and I desire to share with you some of what the Lord revealed to me.

Joseph is called a "just man" in Mt. 1:19. He was engaged to be married to Mary only to find out that she is pregnant. Can you imagine the thoughts and feelings that were screaming in his head? He knew that if he made it known, that according to law, she could be stoned. He considered Mary a holy woman, but his view of her seemed to run in confusion of the question, "Why?" "How could she do this?" What would Joseph do?"

Many men would have been so angry at a woman betraying his trust, that they would have gladly turned her to the public for stoning. Joseph chose only to break the engagement and remain quiet. Scripture tells us that he was *"minded to put her away privily."* Then, verse 20 & 21 says, *"But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."*

Joseph could have made a quick decision concerning Mary and thwarted God's holy plan. Prov. 19:2 says, *"...he that hasteth with his feet sinneth."* Prov. 29:20 says, *"Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of*

a fool than of him.” Had Joseph been crushed and disappointed concerning Mary? Of course he had; but he controlled his emotions, pulled back from the situation, and thought upon the situation. Because he could control his flesh, he was positioned to hear the Truths concerning Mary.

Psalms 25:9 says, *“He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.”* Oh, if we like Joseph would control the immediate feelings and emotions that attempt to overcome us because of a moments hurt, agitation, frustration, anger, and etc., it could be that the Lord would reveal to us what He is doing in those circumstances. How many times do we thwart God’s holy plan because we are not positioned to hear His voice.

Rays of Light

I have been seeking the Lord concerning 2008. He has often revealed to me themes of vision for the New Year. I didn’t seem to get any Word from the Lord. I rested in God’s Will and timing. Sure enough, early Sunday morning, I was dressing to go and make my radio broadcast and the Lord spoke to me. I heard in my spirit, “Church, awake in 2008.” I sat quietly and the Spirit began to show me that the Words declared for 2007 were still active – “Doors of Opportunity” and “New Beginnings.” I saw this as new levels in God, but I don’t believe that the church awakened to what was already at our disposal. At this reading, I have not sought the Lord as to what the deep meaning is concerning this Word, but I will as the Lord allows.

Taking the Light

- Clarksville Christian International. Teaching both Sunday services Jan. 6.
- Monday thru Friday – 7:00 am WITA Radio 1490 AM (**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW TIME.**)
- WVLR TV 48 – Monday, 9:30 am & Friday, 8pm
- TBN – Fri., 8:30 pm (Comcast cable only)
- Teaching at Park West Church every Sunday evening at 6 pm, except the last Sunday of each month. Prayer for needs following the teaching.

Prayer Requests

- Please ask the Lord for His anointing upon Charlotte and the people at Clarksville Christian International.
- Ask that Charlotte is always led by the Holy Spirit.
- Please ask for God's help in the classes that she has this semester at the Church of God Theological Seminary.
- Agree with Charlotte that every need is met.

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Happy New Year
"Awake in 2008"