

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Made Resilient April 21, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

### Galatians 2.20 NIV

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me. ***The life I now live*** in the body, **I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- There is a **NOW LIFE TO LIVE** – a right here, right now, moment by moment life.
- I am not living by my wits, or my education, or by my experiences, or my culture, or the pressure of powers and principalities.
- I live **RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW** in Christ by faith!
- He is the **LIVING WORD** and the governing power behind all things because by Him all things were made that have been made.

### Matthew 4.4 NIV

Jesus answered, "It is written: '**Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**'"

- Jesus was hungry and weak physically, Satan came to crush Jesus.
- In Genesis it was prophesied that Jesus would crush the head of Satan.
- The **NOW LIFE** that Jesus lived was by the proceeding word of God.
- The proceeding **WORD** from the mouth of God strengthened Jesus and made him resilient to being crushed by Satan.

### John 6.63 NIV

<sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. **The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.**

- The word pours into us a strength and resiliency to resist being crushed.
- Words of Jesus are Spirit (God breathed) and life (in the beginning was the word and the word was God).

### 2 Corinthians 4.8-10 NIV

<sup>8</sup> **We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed**; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> **We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.**

God is once more shaking the heavens and the earth to remove what can be shaken. Let go of what is not of God. The enemy's plan is to crush you through extreme pressure. It is resiliency from God that keeps you from being crushed. Satan is trying to **CRUSH** what is not aligned with him. The enemy is creating great pressure, like a pressure cooker, to crush you. But God says I am making you resilient and you will recover quickly. You will be strong and elastic. Unmovable in righteousness and holiness, yet not rigid or unteachable. Do not become self-righteous, judgmental or filled with pride. You will have resilience filled with compassion and love.

“Resilient” is a key word.

- The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.
- Elasticity.
  - Ability to spring back in shape.
  - Ability to bend.
  - Capacity to return to normalcy after great distortion.
- Ability to adjust quickly to change.
- The ability to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats and great sources of stress, especially compressive stress (great pressure or tension that is exerted and squeezes).
- Capacity to adapt to the events of life.

### **Colossians 3.16-17** AMP

<sup>16</sup> **Let the [spoken] word of Christ have its home within you [dwelling in your heart and mind—permeating every aspect of your being]** as you teach [spiritual things] and admonish *and* train one another with all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> **Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

- Allow the word of God to richly permeate EVERY aspect of your being making you resilient.
- Be immersed and saturated. As you FEAST ON MY WORD you will be made resilient, says the Lord.
  - **Become resilient as you take the limitations off of God.**
    - Matthew 19.26 NIV  
<sup>26</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”
  - **Increasing resilience as you are deeply rooted in Christ the LIVING WORD made flesh.**
    - Colossians 2.6-7 NIV  
<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
  - **The indestructible, incorruptible seed makes you resilient.**
    - 1 Peter 1.23 NIV  
<sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.
  - **Become resilient in the fullness of Christ.**
    - Colossians 2.10 NIV  
<sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.
    - Ephesians 3.19 NIV  
<sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
  - **The government of God building resilience.**
    - Isaiah 9.7 NIV  
<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David’s throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.

- **The abundance of His word filling you with resilience.**
  - Words of truth. Words of hope. Words of life. Words of deliverance. Words of creativity. Words of peace. Words of wholeness. Words that build and edify. Words that define. Words that fill. Words that are eternal. Words that transform.
  - Romans 10.8 NIV
    - <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim.

Allow the WORD to dominate, rule and satisfy your heart and life. Receive the resiliency, the ability to withstand great pressure, being imparted through the LIVING WORD of God. Walk by the WORD. Be filled to overflowing with the WORD. The Lord – the WORD – is my Shepherd, I shall not want... God sent the WORD and healed them. Be washed in the water of the WORD. Live by every WORD that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

### **Declaration over Detroit**

Isaiah 51.4-9

Listen to Me, My people, My city Detroit. Open your ears to hear My WORD. Receive My instruction. Awaken and be clothed in My strength. I will make you resilient and impervious to your enemies. Pay attention to Me, My city Detroit. For I am releasing My WORD to the nations and to My cities. I will give you the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. I will make you resilient in this time of great pressure, stress and trauma. Detroit, you will bend but not break. I am increasing your capacity to rise up in victory. I will cause the light of justice to rest upon you, O Detroit. My righteousness is coming closer to you Detroit; My salvation and My deliverance has been released on your behalf. By My mighty arm I will establish My government in Detroit. Put your hope and trust in Me Detroit – in the unveiling of My might. My salvation will endure forever; My righteousness will never end. My arm will bring about justice in this city. Look to Me and wait in hope. Lift up your eyes to heaven Detroit – My salvation will last forever and My righteousness will never fail you. Hear Me and know what is right. Do not fear the reproach of men or be terrified by their threats. I am speaking MY WORD of strength and encouragement to you Detroit. Keep away from what is false. I am healing grief and sadness. I am encouraging you with MY WORD of life and hope.