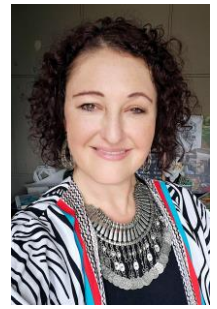


Are You Facing Financial Trouble?

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To face financial difficulty is very hard. There's pressure to pay bills and perhaps you're already in debt and you don't know how you're going to pay next week's bills either. Maybe you're in danger of being evicted from your home or you're already receiving phone calls from people who want their money. Jesus is in this situation with you. He has not forgotten you, He is not oblivious to the pressures you're facing, He is aware of all those things. But I want to remind you of a few things:

- God will use seasons like this to sort out our hearts. When we are too comfortable, especially financially, we don't bother with the state of our hearts and to God that is the most important aspect of who you are! Money and riches cost us our salvation! So yes, God may be using your current poverty to give you an opportunity to deal with issues in your heart. There's nothing quite like difficult times, pressures, to bring us closer to God!
- Don't be so focused on what you're going through that you don't learn the lessons you should be learning!

- What you are going through right now is preparing you for your breakthrough! It's getting you ready to be able to handle the new challenges that will come with your new level! But if you learn nothing now, you will not be ready for the new challenges!
- Breakthrough doesn't mean that all your problems will go away! On the contrary! Breakthrough simply means you are being advanced to a new level! And with new levels come new challenges! This is why you should be constantly in an attitude of prayer to get yourself ready for what is coming!
- God has given many promises that He will not leave you hanging. He will give you a way out, but that means you must be ready to listen in the midst of your trouble! God has given you instructions already but if you're too consumed with stress and fear, you won't hear them! God may have given you a solution already and you have not been paying attention! Don't let fear make you deaf and blind!

Remember when the Israelites were standing in

front of the Red Sea and the Egyptians were busy chasing them down? They were very upset and stressed! *"did you bring us out here to die in the desert?"* they said in Ex 14:11-12. But Moses kept calm and kept trusting God and in verse 16 when God gave Moses an instruction, Moses was in the right state of mind to hear God's voice clearly and to obey and they escaped death! Do you understand now the purpose of your trouble? Learn to trust God in spite of what you're facing right now! Don't let your situation cause you to doubt God! I want you to read this scripture with me: Hebrews 13:5-6 *"Let your character (your moral essence, your inner nature) be free from the love of money (shun greed – be financially ethical), being content with what you have; for He has said, "I will never (under any circumstances) desert you (nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless), nor will I forsake or let you down or relax My hold on you! So we take comfort and are encouraged: the Lord is my Helper (in time of need), I will not be afraid."* May this message encourage you.