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Today we want to take our Scripture text from **Mark 6:45-52**, **"And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before onto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he came unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: For they all saw him, and were troubled, And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, **Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.** And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.**

Let me say first of all, my heart is profusely grieved with what I am about to share concerning this coming New Year. 2020 will be a year when most everything will become more tenuous and fragile: while on the other hand the church the body of Christ will become more cohesive and tenacious. As a nation, America is outwardly manifesting polar opposites. As a citizen of these United States of America, we all are about to witness untold division on the one side and the bonding and coming

together on the other. Looking numerically at the year 2020 we have the number two twice. Two is the number of union like in holy matrimony; two becoming one. The number two also contains within it the meaning of division and strife. Division weakens anything; however when joining two factions together it only strengthens. Two are far stronger and more efficient than one. Thus the number two came to stand for strengthening and for confirmation: thus redoubling both courage and energy. When two are joined together in a godly union both strength and power are compounded. They twain now being one become greater in power and in force. We witness this doubling effect as Jehovah will send his two witnesses in the time of the end found in Revelation chapter 11. We are told in **Deuteronomy 32:30**, **"How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight."** That was what made Pentecost so dynamic and powerful: **"they were all with one accord in one place."** Regretfully, the year 2020 will be a time of both unity and division. As I have previously stated I believe this to be accurate because we have the number two manifested twice in the year 2020. The number two when in an evil sense demonstrates division, separation, and strife. During the process of re-creation we witness as Elohim created a division. Reading from **Genesis 1:3**, **"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from**

the darkness." Through this act of re-creation concerning heaven and earth we witness a division and the stamp of difference between two subjects; light and darkness which are totally different. Following the fall of Adam and Eve we witness as man's union with God became divided through Satan. After the fall of man we then hear the words of Elohim in **Gen.3:15**, **"And I will put enmity between (to divide) thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."** As soon as man fell there was an immediate division and separation from Elohim. Following the fall, the world was then introduced to discord, sin, and death. Enmity and hostilities were immediately manifested because of disobedience and rebellion. Today, we all now live in a world where there is division between God and man. The Bible opens up with the book of Genesis: but the second book Exodus opens up with oppression, enmity, and hostilities between man and false gods. The truth is, ever since man's division and separation from Elohim we all now live in a world of turmoil and oppression. Every trial and earthly struggle that you have ever encountered is due to sin and our fallen nature. It is through division and separation that causes man to struggle in his walk with God. In the coming days you will spiritually find yourself more reclusive, subdued, and desirous to be in the secret place of the Most High. You will come to understand that true peace can only

be found in the presence of Christ our Lord. Thus, **Psalm 16:11, "In thy presence is fullness of joy."** The reason for your reclusiveness will be based upon the turmoil and tempest that is about to sweep over America. The spirit of God will lead you into a solitary place and He will sequester you for your own protection and spiritual survival. Civil unrest manifested through the spirit of division are going to permeate America as severe and devastating as the Civil War under President Abraham Lincoln. I must pose this question: what was civil about the Civil War? The barbarity and division between sensible and reasonable men became unfathomable. The carnage and mutilation of humanity was untold during the Civil War. Their muskets, swords, and canons were so crude and primitive it begs description. We all now live in a world of perpetual division. The truth is, division will ultimately destroy anything over a period of time. For many years America has been divided, both cleverly and covertly. However, the sins of this nation will demand an accounting and reckoning from God Almighty. The old war cliché is true: divide and conquer. This is the modus operandi of Satan himself. Jesus declared in **Matthew 12:25, "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself shall not stand."** Desolation is simply another word for absolute ruin and total destruction. America cannot stand and remain intact based on our division. As I sit here today and pen this letter the song "America the Beautiful" written by Katherine Lee Bates bombards my mind. Here is the first stanza of that great song: "Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountains majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea." Let me be absolutely clear here, before anything is ever manifested in the natural it was first birth in the spirit. This is why we are told in **Galatians 6:7-8, "Be not**

deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." America has sown to the flesh: thus, corruption will become fully manifested. America with its debased leadership has divided us and we will soon witness the depth and breadth of our division. It was religion and politics that crucified our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It will be false religion coupled with wicked government here in the time of the end that will bring to fruition the rise of the Anti-Christ and a one world government. I can somehow hear the words of Christ in my hearing as he pled with Jerusalem: now pleading with America here in **Matthew 23:37-39, "O America, America thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."** This passage of Scripture is an absolute and accurate portrait of America at this present time. The truth is, every house and every place is desolate where Christ is not. The more we have left Christ out of this nation the more we have fallen. There is much dispute concerning the identity of literal Babylon in the book of Revelation. With over 40 years of studying bible prophecy I am convinced; only America can fulfill Revelation chapter 18. No other nation has the military might, power, or financial resources to cause the merchants of the earth to weep and morning when they see her destruction. Notice that prophecy found here in **Revelation 18:10-11, "Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over**

her; for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore." May I remind you of just a few names of foreign countries who sell their products and merchandise in America: Audi, BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Kubota, Kia, Mazda, Nisan, Mercedes, Lexus, Panasonic, Sanyo, Sony, Subaru, Takeuchi, Yamato, Toyota, Yamaha, VW, Volvo; and how about made in China: the list is endless. As our perversions grow exponentially Jehovah is going to demand accountability. We are warned in **2nd Peter 2:6, "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example to those that after should live ungodly."** America is facing a fiery holocaust and cremation from God Almighty if we do not soon repent. I question today: where are the purported men of God who preach repentance? Revival will never happen until there is godly repentance. I encourage you to pray after having read this solemn and stern newsletter. This is why we are working tirelessly and diligently to have these revival meetings more than ever before. Please come and join with us, April 16-19, 2020 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center with this year's theme: "**Power Failure in the Church.**" My heart's desire is for national repentance which will no doubt bring a national revival. If you cannot come to these revival meetings please pray and fast that the Holy Spirit will anointed our frail attempt to do what is needed here in the time of the end.

Serving With You All,

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