

Voice of Triumph



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"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment." Phil.1:9

HUFF-PUFF—YOU CAN'T BLOW MY HOUSE DOWN

To have the fruit of STABILITY, you must become a *fastener*. When I think of something being fastened together, I recall the story of the *Three Little Pigs*. The material that influenced each one of the little pigs the most fashioned the foundation of each home. Why would straw or sticks even be considered, when brick is impenetrable? Solid as a rock. In one of my original children's musicals, *God's Property: His House, His Design*, the answer is found in the song, *Huff-Puff*. The significance is quite concrete. "If you don't build from the right foundation, you are always going to be running for your life." Authentic stability empowers you to remain unshakable during adverse conditions. You choose to view any obstacle as a temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement so you are not moved by circumstance, but by your solid stance in Christ. The characteristics of a rock will help you better understand stability – nothing can seep in and cause you to sink. That doesn't mean you'll never be caught in a storm, but you'll always leave home equipped to outlast it and return home safe and sound – that's preservation. Your connection to stability is proven when you can't be overthrown; you have staying power. "We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way] but not cramped or crushed...we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed." II Corinthians 4:8-9. Even if you have been overthrown in more than one area, know this you can still re-build to stand on Christ the Solid Rock. Prove that you can begin again and rise again. Say aloud, "not this time around!" Wolf-proof your life with the Word, the blood, and the name of Jesus. Renew your passion for truth, not deception, lies, or error. Move toward preservation, not just restoration. Develop in the Word until you are persuaded you are God's chosen; until persistence gives you access by faith into the grace wherein you stand to rejoice in hope of the glory of God; until you persevere through every season because God has equipped you to even glory [triumph] in tribulation; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed [you will see what you believe to see]; because the love of God is shed abroad in your heart [to disconnect all of fear's torment] by the Holy Ghost which is given unto you as Romans 5:2-5, KJV declares.

THE SAND TAKES A STAND, SO DOES THE SPIRIT OF GOD

"...who made the shorelines to contain the ocean waters? I drew a line in the sand that cannot be crossed. Waves rolls in but cannot get through; breakers crash but that's the end of them." Jeremiah 5:22, The Message. Molecules of sand, so minute, stop the waters in their track. Showing permanence, the sand remains immovable, therefore unshakable. It just rests in its place while the waters bow before it. Isaiah 59:19 shows how the Spirit of God resists currents that could potentially harm you. "...when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." When you honor God's word and securely abide in his secret place, know the Holy Spirit will raise a levee to not only keep you from drowning, but also to redeem your life from destruction. Psalm 91:14, The Living Bible speaks of the one who knows the Lord intimately, "For the Lord says, "Because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trusts in my name. When he calls on me I will answer; I will be with him in trouble, and rescue him and honor him. I will satisfy him with a full life and give him my salvation." So be sure, secure, steadfast, settled and sealed in your position. Stand firmly in place and hold your ground! Ephesians 6:13-14.

REST IN THE SAME LOVE GOD RESTS IN

"The Lord thy God is the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing," Zephaniah 3:17, KJV. Since God rests in his love, why not rest in his love? God's rest helps you to outlast every season without losing your joy; you won't become envious or jealous of others' blessings. You won't be haughty because you may be believing for a higher caliber of things than others. You won't become fretful, resentful, or touchy because of suffered wrongs. You can know that your faith is resting in the love of God and that it can bear up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person; its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything without weakening. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. I Corinthians 13:4-8, The Amplified. Your faith will catapult to another level when you know, not just believe, God desires that you remain undisturbed because he never moves from resting in his own love.

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Thought for Transformation

There are two levels of God's love: known and believed i.e., experienced and expected. "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us." I John 4:16-19, KJV. The love in you matures when you know, not just believe, God is not trying to punish you, but that he actually sees something in you that is keeping him interested. Begin to advance toward God and watch constant dread disappear. Jesus said in Matthew 7:9-11 says, if you ask God for a fish, he would not give you a serpent. or bread? you won't get a stone. God knows the difference and so do you. On the other hand, Job said, the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. I had good from the Lord, why shouldn't I accept the bad too? Job realized that he didn't know God's love until Job 42:5-6, "I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, but now my [spiritual] eye sees You. Therefore I loathe [my words] and abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes."