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“Power vs. Personal”

What currently in your life feels like an “army” chasing you down? Some days you seem to have put enough distance between you and what threatens to consume you. Other days, starting out strong, everything suddenly appears insurmountable. A group of people in scripture, *“who were marching out boldly”* very quickly find themselves in an impossible situation. Now standing between Pharaoh’s pursuing army of chariots quickly closing in while their backs are against an impassable Red Sea, the Israelites become unnerved.

Place yourself, in the midst of the crowd of people, fear and panic like a wave crashing over the entire nation. For a brief time, they tasted the freedom, the hope, and the reality of a new life. Now it appeared as if all would be lost. *“They were terrified and cried out to the Lord.”* Feel the emotions of the mass crowd pushing in on Moses in panic saying, *“What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?”* The situation indicating all will perish.

A divine plan the Israelites could not yet see was about to unfold. Moses answered the people saying, *“Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today...move forward.”* Of course, you know how the story goes. Moses stretches out his hand over the water, with a mighty move of God the impossible becomes possible. How awesome, if without exception, God would stretch out His mighty hand over the situations of your life that currently press against the impossible? I assure you He has a divine plan.

I feel the Israelites missed in that plan what we too often miss as well. Exodus 14 ends this way. *“And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.”* They saw and experienced the power of God. They celebrate with singing what God had done that day. However, did they want His Power or His Presence? The Lord does not show up just to show off his power. Yes, the Israelites did witness the power of God. Ultimately, I believe the power of the “destruction” became their focus. They did not focus on the “person” with the power. I say that because within three days they were grumbling. God does not just want to “do” a mighty move in your life, He wants to “be” the mighty move in your life. Watch for Him!—Melissa Varner, Administrator



“You Make it Happen”

You, our supporters, help make possible what we do here at Spring of Hope. In 2018, You have been a part of over 900 appointments in Counseling rooms, through FaceTime, and via Skype. Appointments reached not only beyond the US borders but covered numerous states within our borders, and throughout the Susquehanna Valley. We have ministered to Men, Women, Teens, Children, Marriages, and Families. With the holidays upon us, while it can be a joyous time for so many, it can be a trying time for others. Over 50% of the Spring of Hope budget comes from donations to help sponsor people who otherwise would not be able to financially receive ministry. If you have not in the past, would you consider supporting us with a one-time donation? Or perhaps, through the bounty of blessings by faith, would you consider becoming a monthly supporter of Spring of Hope? Partner with us financially and through prayer in the ongoing ministry here at Spring of Hope to see people walk in freedom and the healing in fullness of life that God desires for us.

Happy Thanksgiving



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ENDURES forever.
PSALM 136:1

A Whole Heart Will Inspire...

A whole heart will inspire healthy relationships!

Proverbs 22:6 (NASB) - "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (his God-given design and bent in life). Each person is born with their unique God-given design and bent. It is the role of parents to help discover that with the child. In other words – what is truly in the child's heart! To have healthy relationships we must know who we are in our connection with Abba Father through Jesus Christ. This will set the foundation for developing a healthy sense of identity. This solid foundation of our identity then gives us the ability to function in life and carry out our destiny and purpose (giving of ourselves for the good of the other person). When we live our life from this place we are confident as a person, thus our focus is on the good of the other person. This will help to build healthy relationships.

However when we try to do it the other way around we are acting as if what we do in life is who we are. To focus on what we do - puts us into performing (to gain approval and acceptance from people) and into insecurity (not knowing who we are). Then the focus and attention is used to promote ourselves instead of desiring to bless others. When this happens our heart becomes fractured (broken) and our relationships become damaged.

Some people are as shapeless as water – they become what they believe is expected of them. We live continually in pressure to become someone that we are not! We live in a society that is all about acceptance and approval; however, when our foundation is based on a healthy identity (solid connection with Abba Father through Jesus Christ) we have the ability to live out our God-given destiny and purpose (giving of ourself for the good of the other person) in life!—Wayne Kuhns, Director