

Giving You a Fresh Start After Divorce

Do You Have Faith to Receive?

As we continue our study in Isaiah 54, I want to focus on verses 8-10.

“In a little burst of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, but with age-enduring love and kindness I will have compassion and mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. For this is like the days of Noah to Me; as I swore that the water of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.” (Isaiah 54:8-9 The Amplified Bible, AMP)

Specifically, on want to focus on this segment of the above verses:

“so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.”

Yes, He has said He hid His face for a moment in verse 7 & 8. As verse 7 said, *“for just a wink”*. So, let’s look at vs 7 again.

For a brief moment (or a wink) I forsook you, but with great compassion and mercy I will gather you [to Me] again. Isaiah 54:7 The Amplified Bible, AMP

So yes, He said for a moment or a “wink” He forsook you, but He also said that He has compassion and mercy on you. Can you let that penetrate your heart? Can you believe it and take that in! It is a gift the Father wants to give you and just as when someone wants to give you a gift, you need to receive it not merely by saying thank you, but you also need to physically receive it or take it from the hands of the gift giver.

Well, it’s the same when the Lord wants to give you something. You need to receive it not only in your mind, but you need to take it in your spirit and in your heart and believe it to be the truth. We can read something and accept it in our mind. But then we tend to move on and with all the clutter our mind can have, we forget what we took in. That’s why we need to not just take it into our mind or our thoughts, but we also need to let it get into our hearts and believe it.

He tells us that He has *“age-enduring”* love and kindness towards us so He can release His compassion and mercy. But the beautiful **“kiss”** He is telling you, my beloved Sister, is that He will not be angry with you, nor will He rebuke you! Is that not like our Heavenly Father?

Have you ever done something wrong as a child and you expected a major chastening from your father but instead, he sat you down and explained to you why what you did was so wrong? It's such a relief to your child heart. Well, our Heavenly Father here is telling us He won't rebuke us but will have compassion and mercy on us.

Unfortunately, we live in a society where either lawlessness lives or intense legalism. There are people in our lives that tell us this divorce was good. He was dysfunctional, abusive, unavailable ... you fill in the words. And then we have the other side telling us that we have sinned, God is angry with us. We can never remarry because of the sin of divorce. But according to Isaiah 54:9, He is telling us just like He promised to never flood the earth again no matter how sinful it can become, He will not be angry with us or rebuke us. He is a compassionate God!

You remember back in the days of Noah, the sin was so great that He felt that He had to wipe the earth clean, He had to flood it. That is intense. After it was over, and the waters receded, He promised to never do that again. God is a God of His Word. Well, my friend, He is not angry with you. Do you believe that?

So let me ask you a question.

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Let's move onto verse 10.

“For though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken or removed, yet My love and kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace and completeness be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you.” Isaiah 54:10 The Amplified Bible, AMP

In this Scripture, we are looking at a comparison. The Lord is comparing His Love for us to mountains and hills. He is releasing to us once again that even if mountains or hills are removed or shaken, His love and kindness will not be removed or leave us. What could make a mountain depart or a hill be shaken or removed? The only thing I can think of is an earthquake. Earthquakes are traumatizing and destructive ... just like a divorce or abandonment.

A divorce or abandonment, at times, feels like it could level a mountain and shake a hill. But the Lord is saying that nothing will remove His love, kindness, and covenant of peace for us, not an earthquake or a divorce.

My friend, He does have compassion for you. He's not angry. He's not angry. Again, He's not angry. I am not a psychologist, but I would think it would be hard to be angry and still release compassion at the same time. They are emotions on the opposite end of the spectrum.

The Father is also telling us that His covenant of peace will not be removed. Covenants are contracts or agreements that cannot and will not be broken. The Lord said, ***“Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.] John 14:27 The Amplified Bible, AMP***

When I was going through my divorce, peace was the last thing I walked in. I was so afraid, so intimidated and so “wishy-washy” with the Lord. One minute I’d believe He would come through for me, end this tumultuous time and provide all my needs and the next minute fear and doubt would flood my mind. When the answer wouldn’t come immediately after I prayed or the provision didn’t come for the outstanding bills I had, I would doubt that God was there for me. Sometimes it takes until we come out the other side to know and see that He truly was there with us the whole time.

One day some friends came for lunch and my friend was praying as he walked my yard with his daughters. His 11-year-old daughter came in and said to me *“I have a Word for you.”* She gave me John 14:27. It was then that I had to ask myself if I was going to believe what the Lord says or was, I going to continue to be wishy washy and walk in doubt? This beautiful 11-year-old had the faith to deliver the Word. **Would I have the faith to receive it?**

How about you? Do you have the faith to receive it? If not, then get in the Word and fill your spirit with truth. Just like you need to fill your body with food for fuel, you need to fill your Spirit with the Word of God.

Kisses from your King

“... For hasn’t he promised you, ‘I will never leave you alone, never! And I will not loosen my grip on your life!’” Hebrews 13:5 The Passion Translation, TPT

Be free --- you may be sad --- but be free! He will order your steps for this new season of life you are moving into. I’m not saying it will be easy. But He is there for you each step of the way and He **“won’t leave you nor forsake you.”** *Walk in your freedom today!*

It's simple but hard. Simple because receiving His peace is just receiving it in your heart and speaking it out that you have it when fear is creeping in. Receiving it is praying about it and **believing you have it** even though you may not be fully walking in it. It’s about faith that you believe Jesus left you with peace.

It can be hard because the enemy does not want you to walk in peace and will continually throw darts at you to cause you to take your eyes off the Lord and focus on the circumstances around you. We then make the circumstances bigger than the Father’s peace.

What can you release to the Lord right now so you can receive His promised peace? It's your choice and your decision to do so. ***"Let go of the old to make room for the new!"***

He wants you to walk as a ***Woman Redeemed!***

Get quiet with your Heavenly Father and begin to release to Him what has you in fear, torment, and doubt. Write it down. Leave it with your Heavenly Father and begin to trust that He is there for you and is right by your side.

If you are struggling to believe the above promises, write about that. Begin to empty yourself of fear and doubt and leave it at the foot of the Cross. Journal your thoughts and what the Father might be speaking to you. Be blessed.

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