

Giving You a Fresh Start After Divorce

You Can Be Established in Righteousness!

“You shall establish yourself in righteousness (rightness, in conformity with God’s will and order): you shall be far from even the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near you.” Isaiah 54:14 The Amplified Bible, AMP

As we move along in Isaiah 54 and continue reading these Scriptures, I pray that you begin to see that you are declining from your uphill battle. In Isaiah 54:1-13 we were getting an understanding of from the Lord about what was happening to us, what His thoughts were towards us, and His **brief moment** of departure from us. Now He is telling us who we are or who we can be established in.

The above scripture tells us that we shall **“establish”** ourselves in righteousness. Establish in the Hebrew means to:

“Stand firm, be firm, be steadfast, be faithful, be sure, be reliable, be fixed, be certain, be ready, be prepared, to be determined, to set up, build make ready” (The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers 1990)

But just how do we go about doing that especially when we are in such pain? It is by believing and receiving what He says. If the Father says it, it is true. Belief is such an important part of our recovery and restoration. I know for me it was so hard to *“believe”* what He was telling me through His word ... especially when all around me was falling apart. I was so full of fear that it was hard for me to see an outcome that would not destroy me or my children. Of course, because I operated in this spirit of fear, I was attracting more and more tragedy into my life and my specific situation of divorce.

But if you are to study Jesus’ ministry and all the times He healed, many times it was because of their belief and their faith in who He was and what He could do that they were healed. Read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and witness for yourself all the healings that were imparted by Him. Jesus **never** refused a healing. The only time miracles were scarce or limited was when He was in His hometown and unbelief was prevalent (see Matthew 13:53-58)

Can you believe that you can be established in His righteousness by believing and receiving? Believing what the Cross has accomplished and how He conquered death for you and me and believing that His heart for you is to establish you in righteousness. He wants you to ***“be far from even the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near you”***?

If terror comes into our lives, it is because we have let it in. We do not need to walk in fear or terror. Terror is an *“organized use of fear as a weapon”*. Beloved, we have an enemy, and his name is satan and he roams the earth looking for whom he can *“steal, kill and destroy”* John 10:10. I know there are some who say that satan does not exist. You can believe that and just because you do does not mean he won't come after you. Because throughout the Bible, he is there, and he does steal, kill and destroy. (see John 10:10)

Now he has stolen your husband and has killed your marriage so don't give him any more power to now destroy you or your children. Because the rest of John 10:10 says that Jesus came *“that we might have life and have it more abundantly.”* Believe that the Lord wants that abundant life for you. He desires to give you life ... abundant life but know it will require faith.

So as Isaiah 54:14 says, even though there is the thought of oppression or destruction; fear or terror **WILL NOT COME NEAR YOU!** Don't let it attract itself to you like I did. Just believe and RECEIVE His truth!

Let's move onto the next Scripture – Isaiah 54:15. It reads:

“Behold, they may gather together and stir up strife, but it is not from Me. Whoever stirs up strife against you shall fall and surrender to you.” Isaiah 54:15 *The Amplified Bible, AMP*

I have always been intrigued with the above scripture, especially the last part which says, *“Whoever stirs up strife against you shall fall and surrender to you.”* Surrender to me? What does that mean? In the King James Version it says, *“Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall **fall** for thy sake.”*

Let's look at the word “fall” in the Hebrew.

Fall - nāphal – to fall, be prostrate, drop, to be born, to happen; to fall away, sink; to be overthrown; to decay; to settle down, abide; to cause to fall, throw down, cast oneself down; to fell, make the face fall; to lay down; to desist; to fall upon. (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers 1990)

Those are pretty intense definitions and ones that I would not wish upon another. What I believe what the Lord is trying to communicate to us is that when others come at us to cause strife or to hurt and injure us (*physically or emotionally*); they will not be able to succeed in their plans. Back in the Old Testament times, when the enemy would come after God's chosen people, He had severe punishment for that enemy.

The Israelites may have had a season of being under the enemy, but God always rescued them and brought trouble upon their enemy. So those that are coming against you will eventually have to surrender, change direction, fall away, or be born again! Imagine, if your spouse or ex-spouse is not a believer and is doing everything in his power to hurt or injure you, one of the options could be for him to become *“born again.”* Now that is the ultimate of victories – your spouse giving his life over to the Lord!

Can You Stand in the Gap – Even if it's Hard?

It's a hard prayer to pray for someone who is bringing such trouble upon you, but it does please the Lord. I know from the beginning of my divorce process the Lord kept instructing me to intercede for my ex-spouse. I would do it and then something would happen that would be so horrific and hurtful that I would stop praying.

Time would go by, and the Lord would instruct me again. This cycle went on for years and I have to say that still to this day there are times I find it difficult to pray for him. I have repented so many times, got back into praying but only to stop. I know with the Lord's Grace I can give full intention and continue to pray for his life and his soul. How about you? Will you join me by praying for yours?

Kisses from your King

"This righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ for all those [Jew or Gentile] who believe [and trust in Him and acknowledge Him as God's Son]. There is no distinction, since all have sinned and continually fall short of the glory of God, and are being justified [declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life] as a gift by His [precious, undeserved] grace, through the redemption [the payment for our sin] which is [provided] in Christ Jesus," Romans 3:22-24 The Amplified Bible, AMP

Kisses from your King

*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should **perish**, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 King James Version, KJV*

Pray with me

Father, we come before you with open hands and open hearts. Our hands are open to receive all that you would want us to receive. Our hearts are open to do what you would have us to do. Forgive us for holding onto anger, bitterness, resentment, vengeance or whatever may be in our hearts that displease You. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness and wash us clean by the Blood of the Lamb. Because Your Word says that "the Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world," take this sin from us and make us vessels to be used by You for the souls of those who are lost.

Help us not look at these individuals as our enemy but know that there is an enemy who roams to and fro looking for those to destroy. Release Your Grace into our lives so we can stand in the gap for these men and pray them back into the fold of Your family even if it means not into ours. We thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Father, I pray in the precious Name of your Son Jesus, that my sisters here will receive the truth of your Word and will establish themselves in righteousness. I pray they will no longer walk in fear and hence terror will no longer be able to come at them, because your Word says you have not given them a spirit of fear, but you gave them power, love, and a sound mind. Help them to receive Your truth. Help them to receive Your promises. Help them to know You won't leave them nor forsake them and that in the end of this journey they will walk in complete victory because of the Name of Jesus and the Blood He

shed for them at Calvary. Father, I seal these requests in the precious Name of Your Son Jesus. Amen

Now go and download the **Study Guide** below and spend some time with your Heavenly Father. He has answers for you, and He wants to impart that righteousness into you. Healing is there for you as He desires to remove the pain in your hearts. Talk to Him and then write what He is instructing you to do.

Because you are a Woman Redeemed!

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