



Teaching Letter

WHICH HOUSE DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN?

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Greetings from the mission fields of Indonesia where I currently find myself!

The Christian walk is and remains a walk of faith! None of us fathomed that the pandemic would have such an incredible impact on the world for so long, but it did. Not only has the effect on the world been great, but even amongst God's people we see an incredible weariness. Although some are walking in victory, others find it hard to keep focus, to stay hopeful and to remain passionate.

All of us are sailing on the sea of life – the issue is not the wind in the storm, the issue is how we set the sails of our ship to handle the wind in the storm! It is indeed not what happens to us that determines the outcome, but how we handle the situation. This eventually brings forth spiritual growth or not.

God never promised smooth sailing, but He did promise that we will arrive on the other side! ("And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm - Luke 8:24 ESV)

We may not always understand it, but we know "that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:23 ESV

PASTOR BILL JOHNSON ONCE SAID: "FAVOUR AND BLESSINGS, OR CHAOS AND DISASTER ARE THE TOOLS THAT TRANSFORM US BECAUSE BOTH ARE DRIVING FORCES THAT FORM OUR CHARACTER."

Over the years in my walk of faith, I have discovered a simple truth which has been more relevant than ever during this pandemic - God's people move back and forth between what I call, the "house of the sons and daughters" and the "house of slaves." (There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Rom 8:1 NKJ) What amazing assurance we have that He does not condemn but encourages us to continue walking in faith!

What is the purpose?

To gain full understanding that we are sons and daughters of God regardless of what comes our way! And with that, we are co-heirs with Christ!

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God. And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. Rom 8.14-17 AMP