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Purpose...

I want to say **thank you** to many of you who responded to my newsletter last month! I had a lot of positive feedback and some people letting me know that the email address I gave was not working. I have tested it and it seems that at this time I am only able to send emails from that address, but not receive them.

So, if you would like to email me, communicate with me, add someone to the mailing list, or be taken off the mailing list, please use my other address: deeshaffer4@yahoo.com for now.

Why am I sending these out? Not to bother or annoy anyone, but to continue

to serve God in the way I believe I have been called to serve Him.

I have a lot of roles in life, but the most important role I have is my ministry. Our purpose on this earth is ultimately to reach others for Him and to share His truth with them.

I believe God has allowed me to travel down a very difficult path so that I can understand the depths of pain and fear that many people experience, in order to share the miraculous

restoration and healing He has blessed me with.

I simply cannot keep those answers to myself because those answers are available to everyone. Sadly, most people are like me and they wait until things are beyond shattered before they begin seeking Him. Sometimes, though, that is exactly where God wants you so that He can really begin to help because it is usually at that point that we are willing to surrender to His ways.



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Trust Only Him...

You have watched the news and have seen the unemployment statistics. They are staggering and perhaps they seem to be creeping your direction if they haven't already claimed you.

It is not a big secret that we need our jobs because clearly we need money to pay our bills, feed our families, and help with our necessary health insurance. Those things in life are not simply luxuries, they are necessities.

If you have ever lost your job or are on the verge of losing it, it is a most frightening experience. No one can truly imagine the torment that runs through your mind at night as you put your kids to sleep and hope and pray that you can find sufficient money to feed them the next day. Often, you go to bed hungry if necessary to ensure that your children have plenty to eat,

while you walk around with your chin up in an attempt to demonstrate to the world that you are clinging to that positive attitude you are supposed to have. But deep down, you are angry and incredibly fearful and you wonder why God would allow you to endure such suffering.

Such questions and feelings are quite normal, and for anyone going through this heartache, it is completely understandable.

However, it may very well be the one place that compels you to completely rely upon God for your every need because you HAVE to. If that is the case, then this place of fear and tor-

ment may very well turn into the most amazing period of your life because it is what allows you to truly trust in Him and rely upon Him in ways that you perhaps never had to before.

Sure, that may sound a bit naïve and superficial, however, unless you have walked in those shoes, and had to depend upon Him for everything, it will only sound like an "inspirational pep-talk."

During those moments where you are swimming in fear and cannot possibly see how things will get better, I urge you to go to God and surrender your life to Him. I urge you to hand over your situation to Him and trust that He is in control and that He has YOUR best interests in mind. It may not seem that way especially when you are in the midst of the worst crisis of your life, but when you





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look at things only from a worldly lens, nothing will make sense to you at all. If you begin to realize that God's ways are not our ways **For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.** Isaiah 55:8 and that His ultimate purpose has very little to do with your income, status, professional standing, or financial position, you will begin to see that He is **calling** you for HIS purposes and for HIS glory.

Why? God is ultimately concerned with our spiritual journeys because this life is but a vapor **Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a**

vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. James 4:14 and our final destiny is eternal—either with Him or separated from Him. As we go through trials and tribulations in life, they will either sharpen and refine our faith and our spiritual maturity, or they will destroy us. We choose how these moments affect us.

Perhaps the current state of our economy should be a thunderous alarm for this nation and for this world because we, as Americans in particular, have grown very accustomed to our money and our particular lifestyles. We have developed a steadfast reliance upon our income and our jobs in ways that we never even considered because they have simply always been there.

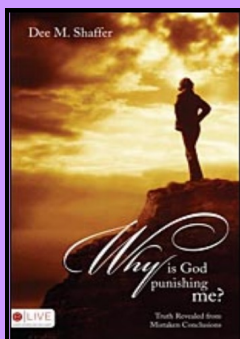
Is God letting us know DIRECTLY that the things of this world are ever-changing and that they are not secure? Is He telling us that we have grown too attached to our jobs, status, prestige, and lifestyles and that somehow, someday, those worldly things have in some ways replaced Him in our lives? Perhaps. Perhaps not. However, it is something to think about and it is something to take up with Him because only God is constant and only He can be trusted in ANY situation and in ANY circumstance.

He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and He desperately wants to have you in right standing with Him. He wants you to trust Him and ONLY Him because in these days, there is nothing and no one on this planet that can guarantee that they will be here for you tomorrow.

Now is the time to trust Him and surrender your life to Him. He will make sense of this moment and at some point in the future, if you begin to walk with Him and be obedient to Him, this period of time will make perfect sense. In an ironic twist, you may even find yourself most grateful that you have gone through it because you will have His spiritual lens to look through, and the spiritual lens is always crystal clear and reflects His brilliance.

Trust that you will be blessed if you rely upon Him in these times...blessed by God's definition, not the world's. It doesn't get ANY better than that.

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Why is God Punishing Me?

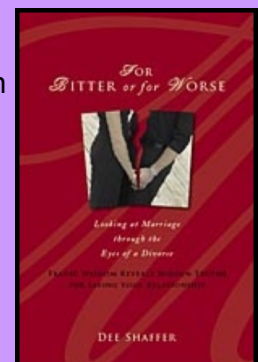
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