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Well there certainly is light at the end of the tunnel. It is just sad that sometimes when we're going through it, we can't see the end of the darkness. Is it because our own light has grown dim, or perhaps it has gone out all together? *Ps. 105:17-22 says: "He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried him. The King sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people and let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: to bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom."*

Our awesome God is bringing things back into divine alignment. In the midst of battle, I pray that you fail not but that you'll be the victorious warriors God has chosen. I have begun to see firsthand humiliation before honor, attacks before accolades, scandal before success and I assure you a price must be paid before promotion. I've watched and waited and wound up seeing the mighty hand of God shut the lion's mouth and like the three Hebrew men, when you pass through the fire, you will not get burned.

You see men I caught myself believing something that wasn't true. I'll get back to that in a minute. Is God unhappy with the wicked every day? Absolutely! But, He also loves them and desires they change. Does He take His eyes off them? In a manner of speaking, yes, because He turns His head from sin. *Isaiah 59:1,2 says "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or His ear dull, that He cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. Proverbs 6 says we are surrounded by men who are worthless and wicked, who go around with crooked speech, that wink with their eyes, signal with their feet and point with their finger, with perverted hearts they devise evil, continually sowing discord; therefore calamity and disaster will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing."* WOAH! Don't be that man! There are 6 things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination: proud eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are quick to do evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among the brothers. I've never seen anything like it other than in prison and the local church. Who is the church? WE are the church. It's time to began to act like it men of God! God will take care

of us, and raise us up. Let Him take care of the wicked. If they're still breathing, then God has a plan. Maybe He's using them to smooth out your rough edges. Don't let the actions of others slow your growth. Keep walking out the grace of God in your own life. Let His blood continually cleanse your thoughts. I John 1:7 declares that *the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from ALL sin*. The tense in the original Greek denotes a present and continuous action. His blood thus keeps continually cleansing.

Our thoughts condemn us and others if you let them. You can't stop birds from flying over your head, but you can stop them from building a nest on your head! You can't stop the thoughts and temptations in your mind. But you can have victory over your thought life by seeing that ALL your thoughts are continually cleansed by the blood of Jesus. His redemptive work is your victory over your thought life. So through the last quarter of this year, I urge you to press in through prayer. Let every storm, every difficulty be an opportunity to advance in the Kingdom. Let the favor of the Lord fall on you. He has anointed your head with fresh oil, let's trust in His way and lean not on your own understanding. Indeed, God does have a final word.

Be blessed my brothers. God is still on the throne!

Your brother,

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