

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

– a devotional thought for today from Pastor Larry M. Dentler

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REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE AND IS DOING FOR US

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The Old Testament book of Numbers records for us a tragic moment. God has saved His people Israel from their tyranny of slavery in Egypt. He brought horrible plagues upon Egypt... Israel observed in wonder. On the first Passover... in the face of Pharaoh's defiance of God... Israel observed the death of all Egypt's firstborn as their children in their Jewish homes with the blood of the lamb sprinkled on the doorposts and lintel were saved. They observed God's Might as the Egyptian armies were drowned in the Red Sea. They ate sweet manna and tasty quail provided miraculously by God as they traveled. They watched enemy attackers defeated by God's strength. But now they stood on the threshold of entering "the Promised Land." The land God had handpicked for Israel generations ago and already given to them as a permanent covenant gift. They sent 12 spies to survey the situation in the land God was giving them. They came back telling how wonderful the land was! But most of the spies who had gone to look at the land came back and said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." (Numbers 13:31).

And that night all of Israel "wept aloud" (Numbers 14:1) and started to make plans to return to enslavement in Israel. In a moment ... they forgot everything God had done and was doing for them.

We are living through this horrible time. God has led us here. God has been faithful... so faithful... in the past in a myriad of ways! But some believers are ready to throw up their hands and say, "We can't do this!" My dear ones, if God has brought us to this place then I believe with all my heart that God has a plan for each of us and for His Church in this place! What is God teaching you? Where is God calling you? What ministry and witness does He have for you?

Pastor Charles Stanley has written, "Are you facing a challenge to your faith? Is God calling you to a task that seems unreasonable? Don't assess your situation by your limited resources; failure to see things God's way may cause you to miss His blessing, and others may be hurt. Disobedience is always followed by disappointment and disillusionment. Remember what God has done for you in the past, and trust Him to deal with the impossible. You cannot be defeated when you follow God's plan in confident faith!"

Amen! You can because He can!

Blessings, Pastor Larry <><