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## **GRACE MISSION CHURCH - CENTURION SERMON NOTES BY PASTOR EDGAR NELUVHALANI**

### **“NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME”**

WARNING TO BELIEVERS AGAINST RUMORS & CONSPIRACY THEORIES:

As children of God our safety does not depend much on how well informed we are, based on ‘people’s revelations and conspiracy theories; our safety will depend on how closely we follow God and hear His voice!

Remember that as a child of the most high God and creator of heaven and earth, when there are things happening in the world or your life that you don’t understand, you have a Father who understands and knows very well. His knowledge is not only limited to the present, it also reaches into the future.

Remember what the Bible says in Isaiah 40:28 (NKJV)

“28 Have you not known?  
Have you not heard?  
The everlasting God, the LORD,  
The Creator of the ends of the earth,  
Neither faints nor is weary.  
His understanding is unsearchable.”



## SOME QUESTIONS AND FEARS ALREADY BEING RAISED WITHIN THE SECULAR BUSINESS WORLD!

How long will this last? How will it change us? When will life return to normal again? “It’s amazing how things we cared for so deeply about mean absolutely nothing when the world is weeping, talking about the celebrity culture and how foreign it feels in a time of panic”. On News24 There are also questions about how this will affect car dealerships, restaurants etc going into the future.

### Acts 20:19-24 (NKJV Strong's)

“19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;  
20 how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,  
21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.  
22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,  
23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.  
24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”



### Acts 20:19-24 (NLT)

“19 I have done the Lord’s work humbly and with many tears. I have endured the trials that came to me from the plots of the Jews.

20 I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes.

21 I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.

22 “And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don’t know what awaits me, 23 except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead.

24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”

### James 1:2-4 (NKJV Strong's) Profiting from Trials:

“2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

“The determination inherent within the word hupomeno (patience) is clearly seen when it was used in a military sense to depict soldiers who were ordered to maintain their positions even in the face of fierce combat. Their order was to stand their ground and defend what had been gained” Rick Renner.

### James 1:2-4 (MSG) FAITH UNDER PRESSURE:

“2 Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.

3 You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.

4 So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.”



### John 16:33 (NKJV Strong's)

“33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

### 2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NKJV Strong's)

“5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.”

## FAITH & PATIENCE

1. Faith has a focused desire.
2. It knows what it wants.
3. Faith is not crowd dependent, it is of the heart.
4. It doesn't vacillate/waiver, it remains loyal to its callings.
5. It never moves. Faith stands still in one spot.

## WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Psalms 119:68 (NLT)

“68 You are good and do only good; Teach me your decrees.”

### Isaiah 54:9-10 (NKJV Strong's)

“9 "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn

That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

10 For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be removed,"

Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.



1. Cursed planet - e.g, earthquakes, floods, until Jesus comes
2. Satan has an opportunistic access to steal, kill and destroy
3. Failure to listen to God
4. Demon spirits controlling or working through people to do evil, people who are demonized,
5. Evil people who have evil hearts, people that won't listen to God to change or stop doing evil!  
People who may be full of anger and vengeance.
6. The worship of other gods, images & satanic rituals

### THE QUESTIONS IS: WHAT DO YOU REALLY VALUE IN LIFE?

What we place value on determines where our heart is, and where our heart is determines our response to God's plan for our life!

#### Philippians 3:7-8 (NKJV Strong's)

"7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ."

#### Philippians 3:10 (NKJV Strong's)

"10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death..."



## THE POSITION & ATTITUDE OF THE RIGHTEOUS IN TRYING TIMES

### Psalms 112 (NKJV Strong's)

“1 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.

2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

9 He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.”

- Don't focus on just securing yourself and your future
- Continue to demonstrate your total dependence on God
- Continue to be a blessing to others
- Develop a deeper sense of Kingdom responsibility



Psalms 34:8 (NKJV)

“8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NKJV Strong's)

“29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

