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Sermon Title: “2021, a Year of Transformation”

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**2021 will be a year of transformation.** Mismatched expectations will become less so as My people come closer to Me, being sanctified, being more conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. The events of 2020 touched the core, the hearts of My people, and they will find themselves changed in unexpected ways.

In the darkness of the days, My people heard My voice saying to them, “This is the way, walk ye in it.” I have been with them all along, though at times silent; though at times it did not seem so.

Many have despaired even of life. Many have been perplexed by circumstances and unbelievable pain and misery. Many have had to alter their perception of who I am to who I am in reality. Many have had to turn to Me and to My Word to discern the times and to discern truth from lie.

My people are hungry, thirsting for Me, the Living God. From the depths of their souls they cry out to Me. From the deep of their human spirits they cry out to Me, grope for Me in the night seasons, reflect and respond and react while wondering if I hear them, if I will answer them, if I care. Deep calls to deep; sometimes My calling to the deepest part of them and sometimes them calling to Me so as to understand, to perceive, to have revealed to them truth. What is going on?

**My people must follow Me closely in 2021.** This is not to be a time to be entertained in church. This is not a time to be fed Pabulum in spoonful. My people need to put away childish things and grow up.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I **put away childish things**. Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:11.

This is not a time to sugarcoat evil. **Choose to overcome evil with good.**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

**Choose whom you will serve. Know** what you believe, what I believe, and stand firm in The Faith. Do not fear being reviled or mocked or spoken evil of. What is inside will be drawn out this year and manifest as I put away the masks of men. You will see them for what they truly are, the inward reality. Outward rituals will give witness, but this is not a time when outward rituals will satisfy the deep needs of My people.

**In 2021 I will not only sift and sort, separate and sanctify but also strip My people of their idols, their abominations, the things they hold in front of them, the things that get in My face.** For I would bless with My Presence. I would bless them as is the desire of My heart. I would be gracious and bestow upon them the benefits of the New Covenant in the Blood of My Son. My heart churns within me, for how can I give them up?

Is not the Christ touched with the feeling of your infirmities? I hear you. I see you. Does not the devil want you to end the struggle by giving in to darkness, to every little death, to be as those who have no hope?

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Ephesians 5:14**

My Word speaks of life, joy, peace. But where is the power, you ask. Answer your own question, for have I not told you, shown you, promised you, and been faithful? My Word is living and active.

**For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12**

I am Living and Active. I am not as you are. I am not the God most imagine in their minds. I AM THAT I AM. And I have revealed Myself in My Word. I am Truth. I am the one, true God. Fear not, only believe.

So many sit and stare into the nothingness while feeling overwhelmed. And I sit with you, quiet in My love. I strengthen you with My joy. I exult over you with singing. I love you with an everlasting love.

Salmon. Think about salmon, their lifestyle. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salmon> What do they teach you about perseverance? What do they teach you about fulfilling the purpose for which you were created? Does not My creation help you? Are you listening?

**2021 will be a year of preservation**, for I will preserve a people for Myself. I will preserve My Word. I will preserve The Faith. I will preserve a creation heaving and sighing over the abuses of mankind failing in the responsibility to “tend the garden” and keep the creation free of domination and exploitation, bloodguilt, and treachery. I preserve, so persevere.

Now we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this surpassingly great power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on all sides, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 2 Corinthians 4:7-10.

Remember Jeremiah. **And I said, 'I do not mention Him, Nor do I speak any more in His name,' And it hath been in my heart As a burning fire shut up in my bones, And I have been weary of containing, And I am not able. Jeremiah 20:9.**

For if this gospel of Jesus Christ is not preached, if this gospel of the Kingdom is not carried like seed sown in the world, My people will know this fire, the fire of the Flame of Yah, the fire of My Spirit, for time is short.

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What follows is some of my thoughts on the above word received. *mjc*

How will we carry on as we go through various trials tailor made for us? We are to count it all joy, yet where does the power come from? We will be kept by the power of God. 1 Peter 1 By grace from the God of all Grace, we will persevere.

1 Peter 1:1-16:

**1**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2**Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

### A Living Hope

**3**Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4**To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **5**Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6**Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: **7**That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: **8**Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: **9**Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

**10**Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: **11**Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. **12**Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

**13**Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14**As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **15**But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **16**Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

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To go on as I thought about all of this:

**The warning:** For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their actions. 2 Corinthians 11:13, 14.

**The reason:** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12.

**The reality:** Nothing is as it seems. Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. The devil seeks to devour. He is a murderer, a liar, and a thief. No matter what, we must

be lovers of the truth, for though evil has its day, Jesus will show up, shine forth, shoot down His enemies, and strengthen our faith. This is epiphany, from *epiphaneia*. G2015. Appearance, manifestation, glorious display.

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie; that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2Thessalonians 2:7-12. NKJV

[https://biblehub.com/interlinear/2\\_thessalonians/2.htm](https://biblehub.com/interlinear/2_thessalonians/2.htm) Give serious thought to 2 Thess. 2.

Apostasy first. A falling away. Rebellion.

Apocalypse (revealing) of the man of lawlessness, son of destruction, the one exposing and exalting himself above every so-called god or object of worship

Abomination. So as for him in the temple of the God to sit down setting forth that he himself is God (no definite article, not the particular Living God).

Having his day. The restraining is there until the man of lawlessness/iniquity will be revealed at that Kairos moment, with his power (ability), signs and wonders of falsehood and every deceit of wickedness unto those perishing.

Absolutely not loving the truth. The truth is not received or loved for them to be saved.

The God sends strong delusion. The perishing believe what is false, the lie, in order that all those not having believed the truth but having delighted in unrighteousness should be judged.

So to elect ones, stand firm. To the others, let the love of the Lord Jesus Christ enter your very heart; receive Him today.

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Trusting in the LORD who transforms, sanctifies, and preserves,

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But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17.

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