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A Ship with a Destiny

Matt. 14:21-36. The Lord has a great purpose for His church. It is prophetically alluded to in the Lord's desire to have his disciples get into a ship and cross over to the other side. God's purpose for our lives will not be fulfilled in the realm we are in now. There must be a journey to another realm. That journey includes two things. There is a storm that seeks to hinder the success of this journey. Secondly, Jesus constrains them to take the journey in a ship. Have you ever wondered why He said a ship? Why didn't He have 12 canoes, one for each of them? Where they can all say; *"You paddle your own canoe and I will paddle mine. We will meet occasionally over there where the walnut tree*



overhangs. We will conference together in that delightful place. We will be able to jump around and play the tambourine and do our own thing. Then we will go on our merry way until the next time. We will be able to keep our own beat." No! He put them all in one ship. He constrained them to get into **A** ship! The ship implies this journey to the other side will not take place unless they take it together. This is the Lord's desire. He is after a fellow-SHIP; a joining together and a moving together as **one** into His Highest purpose. The constraining hints to the fact that this was something they were not all that eager to do. We are, in Adam, independent. We want to be complete in ourselves, but that is not the Lord's way. Are we not all baptized into one "ship", into one body? That is the Lord's way. We are going to take the journey to the Lord's fullness together. As we read the details of this journey, we will discover it is a vital thing to be in this fellow-SHIP. There are some great things that happen to those joined together in this fellow-SHIP. This fellow-SHIP the Lord has called us into has a very great destiny!

It is rather a shock to us that in our obedience to His call to come into this fellow-SHIP and journey together to the other side, brings us into a terrible storm. It is easy for us to think *"You might have known that old devil strikes against the disciples trying to get to the other side. He is trying to destroy the whole works."* However, we need to see something. The devil didn't have one thing to do with this storm; with those testings they were experiencing that night. God sent them! *The testings we have are for the perfecting of us, not our destruction.* They were tossed with the waves and just as surely as we make a commitment unto the Lord and we

get into the fellow-SHIP and begin to cross over TOGETHER to the other side, we can rest assured, there are going to be some winds of adversity! There are going to be some real trials. Here they are, tossed by the waves, under the stress of the time. ***They were doing their best to get to the other side where the Lord had sent them.*** They were worthy men of the sea. They have gone out and they have come back numerous times. They were quite competent men on the sea, but here is one of the most turbulent bodies of water for its size in that area. Suddenly and violently a wind could come up. But God was in this storm! Just as sure as God called us and constrained us to get into the fellow-SHIP and to make that journey to the other side, you can rest assured there is going to be winds that will try us. There is going to be testing. We are going to be tried, ***FOR GOD'S GOING TO HAVE A TRIED AND A PROVEN PEOPLE.*** It is a whole lot easier just to stay in the four walls and shout and hoot and holler and declare that God is going to do it. "I will never turn you down Lord, I will never turn you down. These other fellows will turn around and leave

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you, but not me. I am Peter!" Here was the stress of the times. Here was the wind, here were the waves and it was in the fourth watch of the night! When the earth is in its darkest hours, something very special happens in this fellow-SHIP. CHRIST HIMSELF COMES TO THEM ON THE SHIP. Doesn't that make you want to be on that fellow-SHIP with these travelers?

He constrains us into this fellow-SHIP for one purpose: that there might be a revelation of Him like we have never seen. There is a full revelation of Himself to everyone in the fellow-SHIP. He constrained them. It is the love of Christ that constrains you and me. It is not something outside of us that makes me lock arms with a brother and walk in the Spirit. I am not going to lock arms with a brother and walk in the Spirit without the love of Christ. He is not cracking the whip to get us in. It is only the love of Christ that will bring us together in heart in fellow-SHIP to go on together to the other side. I will by the love of Christ, be able to see that one inside you, the real you that is crying out to be made one with God and one with the brethren for the glory of God. So, they were put in one ship, not 12 canoes. God has decreed one church, one body, one ship if you please, for one purpose, that we be in it together sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish. You don't have to like everything I do. I am sure you don't, but the love of Christ will constrain you to love me. The love of Christ will constrain me to love you and we will be willing to get in the same ship pulling at the same oar, to get to the same place for one purpose. That purpose is to meet Him as He visits this ship that tempestuous night. It's a trip of faith for those disciples. They went without Him. The question might rise, will He be there to meet us on the other side? Maybe He will just forget us and fulfill His purpose another way with another people? He will more than be there on the other side! He plans on visiting us in earth's darkest hour to bring us, using the tempestuous storm as the setting of a supernatural walk, a divine visitation and unveiling of the Lord Jesus like we have never seen. This is one fellow-SHIP I want to be on! Ω



It is time for Thee, Lord, to Work

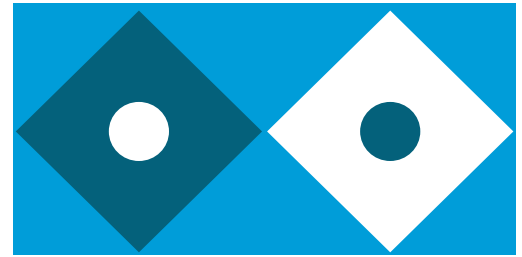
Gary Rose



Recently I listened to a message by Pastor Carter Colon from Times Square Church in New York City. He spoke from the verse found in Psalm 119: 126. Though his message was dated 2012 it has spoken very much into my heart

over the past several months, and I believe it is as applicable and relevant today as it was when he shared it. I would like to give some excerpts from that message along with some of my own personal thoughts. Therefore I do not take credit for this article in whole, honor to whom honor is due; Thank You, Pastor Carter. Psalm 119: 126 'It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law'. When the psalmist was writing this he was living in a time very much like we are living in today. As Pastor Carter has said from his perspective as he looked around he was able to at least make this statement ...they have made void thy law. The original text means: they have dissolved it, they have frustrated it, violated it, annulled it; (spiritually speaking) they've torn it in two. He goes on to say how amazingly quickly as a society we've degenerated; quite shocking really. In the past 15-20 years we have witnessed such tragic proportions of declension both in morality and civility. Truth has fallen in the streets. The voice of God has largely been marginalized as many take to their own view-point and try to spin it into some magical reality. It is during such difficult seasons that the tendency and temptation is to throw our hands up in defeat. Some choose to believe the tide is too strong. The entrenched thought in others would say: "how is this ever going to change?". Notice this is not the position the psalmist takes. His declaration is one made by those who have truly come to know the character of God, again he writes: 'it is time Lord, for thee, to work' (in the NASB it reads: 'it is time for the Lord, to act!').

There are seasons when God comes to a people. Oft times it is not when we are strong; but when we're weak. There are seasons when the Philistines are producing a giant everyday to engage us to fight. Seasons such as in the time of Gideon when many of God's people were hiding barley; living as it were when the presence of God should be everywhere. There are seasons when the



The CMF Spring Gathering

**Wednesday, April 24—
Friday, April 26, 2019**

There's a place for you!

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Registration PDF attached.

Pastors and workers are welcome.

If scholarship is needed please, let Mark know.

**Save this date!!
(the revised date)**

**CMF Women's
Retreat**

May 3, 4 2019

at Bethany Christian Fellowship, Athens, PA. Watch for an email with the registration attached.

Cost is \$30.

cry of oppression moves the ear of God, and again He does only what He can do. Who of us can deny beloved, that we are again facing such a season of time? There are no natural resources or strength to confront this giant. No, only the stone of God's truth will confront that which defies the armies of God, that which looks to bring shame and reproach upon His great name. We are in a season where there is still a cry among those who carry a measure of godliness. 'It is not by power, nor by might, but by My Spirit, says the Lord Almighty' (Zechariah 2:4). Scripture also tells us: 'God is not willing that any should perish' (2 Peter 3:9). I believe this cry (at least in measure) is staying the hand of God. When God once again has said, 'it is not for your sake that I do this, but for My holy name's sake'. It is a season not recognizable by all but by those who have a genuine heart to seek Him; who have an ear to hear (Rev: 2:17), to those who believe the report of the Lord despite what they see in the natural. It is to those whose choice is to take the strength they've been clothed with and contend for that which has been lost or taken captive; those who are willing to stand in the gap. He's looking. He's speaking. He's whispering. He's wooing. Pastor Carter in his message asked the question: "Who are the ones that God calls to do an extraordinary work?" 1 Corinthians 1:26 "For see your calling brethren, that there be not many wise according to flesh, not many noble." It isn't when we've mustered enough strength, power, resource or intellect ... "but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things that are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised things God, has chosen. It's not in those things that the world would look to for it's advancements ... but God, has chosen the things that are not, so that He might nullify the things that are: those things that exist without God yet within themselves exalt themselves."

Contend for the testimony of God!!

Ezekiel 36:22-28 reads: *'Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus says the Lord God; I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, I will sanctify my great name, which you have profaned among the heathen, and they shall know that I am the Lord, says God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. I will take you from among them, and gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. There I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will also give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my ways... (verse:29) I will save you from all your uncleanness: and call for the corn, and increase it, and lay no famine upon you. I will multiply the fruit of the tree, the increase of the field, that ye shall no more receive reproach of famine among the heathen.'* (verse:35) *'Then they that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord rebuild the ruined places, and plant that which is desolate: I the Lord, have spoken it, I will do it!'* God says: I'm going to bring these things down. I'm going to bring them into right prospective. Pastor Carter goes on to say: "It is a time that we must earnestly contend for the faith. Jude tells us: 'Beloved, while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith that was once handed down to the saints.'"

How do we contend for the faith? Psalm 119:128 ... "Therefore I will esteem all thy precepts concerning all things, to be right, and will hate every false way." It has to be settled in your heart and mine - that God's word has final authority. Do we hold fast? Do we still believe? Is it the word of God, or not? You or I cannot halt between two opinions. We must contend earnestly. We must contend for the prodigal's, we must contend for the orphan's, and most importantly contend for the testimony of God.

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Report on Fall 2018 CMF Conference

Even though we have passed from 2018-2019 I would like to give a brief summary of our blessed time at the Fall conference in Mt. Bethel, PA. It is always great to have new people each time but we are thankful for the committed core who come twice a year sacrificing both time and money to do so. These conferences would not be a success without you. Thank you for your faithfulness!! As always it was wonderful to be exposed to good worship, quality fellowship and the Lord's sure word from His heart.

The first night Bert Ghilardi-Endwell, NY, spoke on "Living in the Day of the Lord". A good response came as the Lord encouraged us not to be governed by the day we live in but let's live in the day of the Lord by faith.

Dan Beaulieu-Torrington, CT, spoke a timely word Thursday a.m. encouraging us not to be governed by outward circumstance but to live in the reality of the Kingdom of God.

On Thursday afternoon the ladies got together in an impromptu meeting and heard the inspiring testimonies of a couple of the women that were newer to our fellowship.

Thursday night Ric Vargas-Port Jefferson, LI, NY gave an overview of Judges 20, the story of a fallen priesthood, lack of morals and a climate of anarchy such as what we find in America today. It was left that we need a move of repentance from self-righteousness in our country.

Lou Pressman, Montrose, PA, closed the conference by teaching that in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah revival came because of the recovery of God's Word. In John the people were preoccupied with traditions. They did not hear Christ's cry at the Watergate. We as His people need to get back to His word and let all else fall away.

As always it was edifying and refreshing to be with the brethren and to hear various timely words. Bert Ghilardi

Recently while returning from a trip on Long Island, the Lord began to speak prophetically to me that 2019 was going to be a year of believing. Shortly before Pastor Carter released a message the Lord had given him called, "2019 - a 'Year of Faith and Favor'." It wasn't until a couple of weeks later that I was reminded of this message after the Lord had already spoken to me. I cannot tell you how much it bore witness with me. It is the Spirit who will reveal. It is the Spirit who will give life. Contend for the faith!

Doing so will illumine our path, lead us out of darkness into light; out of bondage into freedom, out of fears into trust, out of deadness into fruitfulness. *"Seeing, therefore, that we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. For if our gospel is hid (veiled) it is hid to those who are lost."* (2 Corinthians 4:1-3).

Let these words of the apostle Paul be forever etched upon our minds and burned into our hearts. Pastor Carter ends by saying, "Let us not just contend for the faith - but contend for the **manifestation** of the faith." When truth is manifested, there comes a higher reality. *"Did I not tell you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God! (John 11:40).* Out of weakness many will be made strong, out of the place of captivity, frailty, nothingness, and death, IF WE BELIEVE we will once again witness the almighty glory of God! Alleluia. Lord, it's time for You to work (one more time). It is time for the Lord, to act! Why should we believe anything different? Why should we expect anything different? It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law. May the Lord move one more time. Ω

The registration deadline for the next conference is April 11. The registration form is attached. Join us for an unusual time of fellowship, worship and the Word of God!!

Prayer Requests

Pastor Joe Csontos-Allentown, PA: healing for neck and back; wisdom on how to proceed with treatment

Bro. Joe Nieves-Allentown, PA: strength and grace to hold up under chemo therapy

Bro. Steve Wilber-Georgia: grace and healing from cancer.

Gloria Osorio-a vital part of the team that God has put together to help CMF in their ministry in Pereira, Colombia: healing; health and strength to make the journey to the US in April

Pastor John and Flor Penrosa-Wallingford, CT: direction for their life and ministry

Gloria, mother of Linda Sclafani-Dublin, OH: recuperation after a very serious fall, ensuing surgery, therapy etc.

Ric Vargas, Lou Pressman: Blessing on Ministry Trip, including a conference for pastors, in Barranquilla, Colombia, Feb. 28-March 6

Youth of our churches: may they have a personal encounter with God that will bring them into a solid walk and fellowship with Jesus.

Ralph Cotterill and the Stream of God International School of Ministry, Leroy, KS: may the video classes be completed, edited and may the first year of the School be launched.

“Invasion” from Colombia

We are expecting a group of Colombian pastors and church workers to attend the CMF Conference this Spring. The people who are coming will include Cony Rojas, (speaker at the Spring 2019 Women’s Retreat), Cony’s pastor, Pastor Jaime, his wife Tatiana, (Cali, Colombia), Maria Paula (interpreter and speaker at the 2019 Women’s Retreat) and her newly-wed husband, Alejandro, and Fredy Lopez and Gloria Osorio-precious saints who house us in Pereira, Colombia. We have known them for 20 years and they are seeking the Lord for direction for their lives and ministry. Let me introduce them by photo to you.



Pastor Jaime, Cali airport



Fredy & Gloria Alejandro & Maria Paula

Cony Rojas

Please pray for them as they prepare to come for this very timely visit to be in our midst. Maria Paula and Alejandro speak English and there are others at CMF who know Spanish so they will help all of us to have opportunity to spend time and get to know these dear saints from overseas. You will love them even as we do.

Arlene Ghilardi