



Dear Prayer Warrior,

Greetings from Chicago. We have been travelling in the United States since June. It has been a very busy and tiring schedule - we have changed beds 20 times - so we are really looking forward to getting back home to Hong Kong next week.

In June/July we spent three weeks in Springfield, Missouri going through the orientation process with the organization who will be sponsoring our visas in Hong Kong. The rest of the time we have been travelling - in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin - sharing vision and telling our friends and supporters about the exciting things God is doing in and through us in Hong Kong and Asia.

What Currency Are You Using?

One thing we have observed as we have travelled around the United States, is that there is a tremendous shaking that is happening at the moment. As we have talked to friends and family in Hong Kong and South Africa, it has become evident that this shaking is not just happening here in the U.S., but it is global.

Hebrews 12:28 says that we, as believers in Christ, are **receiving a Kingdom which cannot be shaken**. Those are encouraging words, but also sobering at the same time. Whatever is "of the Kingdom" in our lives cannot be shaken. But, whatever is "not of the Kingdom" in our lives can, and will, be shaken.

As we have been praying, thinking, meditating and asking the Lord for His perspective on the things that are happening in the world today, He has put two thoughts - really **words of encouragement** - on our hearts that we would like to share with you:

1. **The will of the Father is the Kingdom of God** - when Jesus taught us to pray, He said we should pray to our Father, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done" (Matthew 6:10). Again, in Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus says that only those who "do the will of my Father who is in heaven" will enter the "kingdom of heaven". Jesus makes a clear connection between the will of the Father and the Kingdom of God.

The encouragement to all of us is that we must seek the will of the Father for our own lives, on a daily basis, and then do our best to walk that out. Jesus put it this way: "Seek first his kingdom [will] and his righteousness, and all these things [daily needs] will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33)

2. **Faith is the currency of God's Kingdom** - In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus contrasts two

states of mind - fear and faith. **Fear** is clearly not of the Kingdom, while **faith** - putting our trust in God - is of the Kingdom. We cannot walk in fear and expect to do business in the Kingdom. The Lord reminded me of the following illustration to help me understand this principle:

Karen and I live in Hong Kong where we use Hong Kong dollars to do business. But, when we travel to another country, our HK dollars no longer work. For example, when we come to the United States, we can't take our HK dollars to Wal-Mart and try to buy something. They will laugh at us. Why? Because we have the wrong currency. If we want to do business in the United States we must use US dollars. So, when we arrive in the United States we must go to the bank and make an exchange. We must exchange our HK dollars for US dollars. Then we can do business.

Each of us must ask ourselves the question, "What currency am I using in my life - fear or faith?" If we find that we are walking in fear - being moved by the shaking that is going on around us - then we must come to God and exchange our fear for faith (see Philippians 4:4-7), so that we can do business with Him in His Kingdom.

May we encourage you to seek Father, and His will, for your life on a daily basis. We have found that submitting ourselves and our schedule to Him makes a huge difference in our lives, and in our ability to walk in faith and not in fear.

Also, fear, anxiety and stress are evil spirits which seek to harass each of us. Do not allow them to do so in your life. Do not fear. Look to God. He is your strong tower, a refuge in time of need. Seek first His will, His Kingdom, in your life and He will take care of the rest.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. We love you and appreciate you for partnering together with us as we participate with the Lord to extend His Kingdom in Asia.

Please keep our upcoming trip to Nepal in you prayers. We are scheduled to go to Katmandu on October 22nd to teach the second notebook in the Million Leaders Mandate course. We will send out an update with more detailed prayer requests shortly.

May Father richly bless you as you seek His will and put your trust in Him. Nothing is impossible with God!

Working together for the extension of His Kingdom in Asia,

Stephen & Karen



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