



**Emergency
Preparedness
in These Times**

Impact Ministries

At this moment I am contemplating how to best serve you in these troubling times! My family, you, and the Kingdom of God at large are my priority, and then I want to keep finding new ways to reach the lost! The time is short and the days are evil! People need God IN THEIR HEARTS more than ever before!

As I was praying about this week's message the Lord reminded me of the children of Israel just before they came out of Egypt. Concerning the children of Israel He told Moses, *I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed.* (Ex. 3:21) God always makes a way when there is none!



As the children of Israel walked through the wilderness they mocked God's promise of provision. They spoke against God. *They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?"* (Ps. 78:19-20) Even though God delivered them many times before they always took the attitude that this time would be different.

We don't want to be those who draw back in fear, distrust, or mockery. We should **expect** God to deliver us! But the key, as I have been saying for over a year, is: this is about following God in your heart, not working a formula.

There are several ways believers are responding to what's going on. Some are so frightened they are afraid to even consider the possibilities. These people will be taken by surprise and overcome. *But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly...* (Luke 21:34) In the name of faith others just say, "Whatever, I'm ready to go." They are the ones Proverbs mentions when it says, *A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.* Then there are those who will get caught up in anger and revolt. *...the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.* (James 1:20) These people will increase persecution against the Church.

Fortunately, there are also the people of faith, those who believe and obey! These people know it is never too late. They will attempt to influence the world for good while preparing for whatever comes. Like Gideon's army, they kneel at the water so they can be ever alert while preparing and refreshing themselves for the coming battle. (Judges 7:4-8)

I honestly believe that if we are willing to follow God no matter what, we can thrive in any situation. Now, back to the Israelites and their abundance - God brought them to PREPARE them for what lay ahead. Listen to God and follow His leading. He will bring the needed resources into your hands to face whatever lies ahead, but when it comes do not squander it. Set any windfall you get aside and wait on the wisdom of God about how to use it.

God prepared the children of Israel for 40 years in the desert. He even delivered weapons of war into their hands which they had not been allowed to own. He used ravens to feed Elijah at the Brook Cherith. At the birth of Jesus the magi arrived with expensive gifts that made it possible for Mary and Joseph to escape with Jesus. God always makes a way for His people.

Speak blessing and financial freedom over your life. Use the Painting Your Life's Picture exercise for this - it is powerful!

God is good and nothing but good. He is our Deliverer. We cannot doubt Him. Abraham looked at his aged body yet considered the faithfulness of God and it carried him through the birth of a child and years of turmoil. No matter what we are up against, we must keep looking until we see the hand of God's deliverance! Do not be afraid! Do not be dismayed! God is for you, so who can be against you?!

No matter what happens we cannot stop taking this healing word to the world. Without the knowledge of a loving God no one stands a chance. ***Together, we are changing the way the world sees God!***



A few weeks ago I sent you a letter encouraging preparation for the economic hardships looming on the American horizon. Let me be the first to say that we can change most of this, but I don't think we can avoid all of it. I also realize that the time it will take to turn a problem of this magnitude is not overnight. I am still blessing America and I hope you are doing the same; but you must realize the darkest forces on the face of the earth are cursing America. They are speaking and working for the collapse of the free enterprise system, Christianity, America, and Israel. Our enemy is motivated, organized, and vigilant.

Those of us who believe we can use our faith to bless our nation must give ourselves the emotional freedom to do so. We must create a space of relative peace and security that gives us the freedom to use our faith for something more than survival. Our peace must be in Jesus, but our physical survival must be in strategic planning. However, we cannot focus on the bigger issues of our nation if we are encumbered with the daily struggles of survival. Remember, *it is the little foxes that spoil the vine*. (Song of Solomon 2:15) If you're consumed with the small things you will lose hope for the bigger ones.

If you recall, I warned of certain economic events that would happen. Some are happening now; others are very close to happening. The World Bank says we cannot stand another shock to our economy. That shock could be Japan and its impact on global economy, the crops that are being destroyed by flooding and tornadoes occurring right now in the Heartland, or any number of other natural or man-made disasters.

You may know that China has already secured the rights to our oil leases in South America when they run out. Saudi Arabia and all of our former allies in the Middle East realize they have been betrayed by our government. They are/have negotiated agreements with Russia, China, and other countries for the oil we are now purchasing. We are not drilling for oil, mining for coal, or creating any workable alternative sources for fuel. Even if we resumed drilling today it would take a few years to get production back to sustainable levels. The limitation of oil causes the rise in the cost of everything and, whether you agree or not, before going into office our president said it was necessary for his plan of redistributing wealth for this to happen. I don't care if you agree or disagree with, like or dislike the president; I just want you to know this is planned and strategic! It is already happening and will continue to happen to some degree!

Several countries recently met with oil-producing countries (the US was not invited) to discuss/plan changing the world currency standard from US dollars to some other currency. The moment that happens our dollar will be devalued and our ability to trade on the world market will be devastated. The cascading effects of this when (not if) it occurs will be beyond anything we have ever seen as a nation. Late last year China warned that if we monetized our debt they would either call the debt due or require the establishment of a new world currency.

America is seduced with the idea to go "green." Spain already tried that and it completely destroyed their economy. There is no scientific or market proof that green energy can provide any more than approximately one percent of our energy needs any time in the foreseeable future. I am praying that someone will come up with an innovative idea (that the government will not squelch through regulation) that will solve the problem; and I think it is possible.

If you were thinking of an electric car, you might want to remember that it takes coal, nuclear energy, or oil to create the electricity to run an electric vehicle. Plus, some states are planning a usage tax on the electric cars we are told to buy to save the economy and the planet. And then there is the usage tax the federal government is planning to add to our already taxed-to-death situation.

In our unscientific yet politically correct logic to save the planet we are committing nearly our entire corn crop to ethanol. This means that beef, milk, pork, chicken, eggs, and anything else that is fed corn are skyrocketing in cost. In other words, we are using our food for fuel while we are on the brink of a global food crisis. Corn prices have already doubled in the last six months, rising from \$3.50 a bushel to more than \$7 a bushel. In the event of some type of natural disaster there is only enough corn in our reserves to last a few days. The IMF says the US has no viable plan to resolve its debt crisis. The IMF is only one of the many global powers seeking to lead us to a new world currency. This is science fiction, this is daily news.

When I wrote my last article along these lines even many who thought I was possibly correct about the facts felt that it could not happen very soon, but just this week one of the major warning signs occurred! The S&P downgraded the credit rating of the United States. The repercussion of this is more than any of us can calculate; much of this will only be realized as it unfolds.

In the Administration's new budget America will spend \$6.85 million per minute, and about 40% of that money is borrowed. The current interest rate to service such astronomical borrowing is beyond the comprehension of the average person. (The taxes that are already burying us alive will soon not even pay the daily interest.) This downgrading of our credit rating means that anyone who loans us money will do so at a much higher interest rate than before. Even if the political parties were using real accounting numbers in their budgets (which they are not) their numbers are now meaningless. The increase in interest makes every budget proposal from either party totally bogus (which they all were from the beginning.)

Now for the heart of what we need to consider: It doesn't matter *who* you think got us here.

Personally, I think both parties have lied to us and played games with our nation and our future; that has been my position for years. They are both guilty and untrustworthy. Deciding who to blame has never solved any of our problems; deciding what we will do is the only solution. Will you curse the darkness or light a candle? You may not be able to light a candle for the world, but you can light a candle for your family!

If you fail to prepare you will be cursing the political party you oppose while you and your family starve. At that point political affiliation is meaningless! I do not want to motivate you to fear; I want to prepare you to survive. I want to help you and your family buy the needed time to figure out what to do next, turn our country around, and outlast the crisis. I don't want you standing in a food line, rioting in the streets, being consumed with despair, being filled with bitterness, or thinking God let you down! If you prepare you will not despair!

Again, I encourage you to have enough food and supplies on hand to survive at least a year. Put this ahead of everything else. I encourage churches and social groups to develop emergency plans. But most importantly, I encourage you to connect with God like you have never done before. None of us are smart enough to survive these evil times apart from up-to-the-minute wisdom from our God and Father!

I am attaching a list of sources for bulk food and other survival supplies. Check them out or do your own research. At the top of the list I want to tell about something Brenda and I started doing: hydroponic gardening. Through a company in Florida we have found a way to grow year-round supplies of fresh organic food. This is something I would do even if I didn't foresee a food crisis emerging. The startup costs are very reasonable and you will recover your costs within just a couple of months and actually begin saving money. In the words of one economist, "Fresh fruits and vegetables will soon be food for the elite!" Well, not if you can grow them yourself! Seed supplies are in great abundance at very reasonable prices at your local feed and seed stores.

If you buy fresh vegetables or fruits on a regular basis you know that costs are increasing weekly, and organic food is sky-rocketing. Much of the fresh vegetables bought in stores are GMO's. Research reveals that these have devastating health side effects. You do not want that stuff in your body. It will be part of the next coming world-wide health disaster! Hydroponic gardening is a truly organic, bio-friendly food supply, and it is amazingly low maintenance. Brenda and I are actually planning to have a large enough "garden" to feed ourselves and our children.

Besides being cost effective, environmentally friendly, and nutritionally superior, it takes almost no space! It can be done indoors or outdoors year round and there is so little work that anyone can do it. No weeding, no plowing, no rotary tiller, and no spraying or poisoning! This is gardening at its best in every conceivable way. Click this link to [Living Towers](#) to see these incredible gardening towers and get your own garden growing today! In just 3-4 weeks you can be eating organic food out of your own garden! It comes complete with pictures, testimonies, and instructions.

Make a plan for your family that involves immediate needs, short term and long term needs, and mobile survival:

1. Fresh green live food [Living Towers](#)
2. Dried food supplies like rice, beans, sugar, salt, & other staples
3. Plenty of spices and seasonings
4. Essential canned goods (check the expiration dates)
5. Dried food (milk, soups, meals, etc.)
6. Fill your freezer with meats that you desire
7. Packaged foods with a long-term shelf life
8. Water supply
9. Medical supplies

This website has a list of the top 100 survival tips: [Survival Tips](#)

Make your spiritual preparation:

1. Read your Bible
2. Pray daily
3. Get out of fear
4. Spend time developing your capacity to hear your heart ([Heart Physics](#))

The question is not *if* but *when*? The question is not, "Who is to blame?" The question is, "Who is prepared?" The cure for every problem is found in the way we solve it. The thinking that got us here will not get us out of here; that's why solving all problems begins with repentance: the willingness to change your mind and think a different way. The character and diligence that it takes to conquer a challenge is the character that would have prevented the problem from occurring. It is the same character that can change the course and bring recovery, but the person who thinks we can keep thinking and doing the same things and expect change is truly insane!

No matter which political party you choose, if you do not get very vocal to your local, state, and federal representatives saying that you want our country to live within a balanced budget and reduce its debt, you are a coconspirator with the problem. Don't think this is a Democrat or Republican party; this is irresponsible Americans who have wanted special interests for their state, group, or demographic at the expense of our country. If we do not stop spending, the clowns that play on your emotions about old people not having food or medical care will break the country that is providing the food and medical care they currently have. **FIGURE THIS OUT! When America is broke there will be NO SOCIAL PROGRAMS, NO SPECIAL INTERESTS, AND NO PORK BARREL SPENDING!**

Purchased	Price	Preparedness list	Supplier
		WATER:	
		Rain barrel system	craigslist (use only containers made w/food grade plastic -not garbage cans)
	\$109.99	Water storage barrel (55 gallon)	costco.com
	\$9.99	Water purifier tablets	armyuniverse.com
	\$169.99	Water filter	campingsurvival.com
	\$280.00	Water filter	preparedness.com
		Rain Water Collection System	handytank.com
		Structured Water	structuredwaterunit.com
		Prill Beads	thewolfclinic.com/prillbeads.html
		Hand Water Pumps	bisonpumps.com
		BULK FOOD & STORAGE	
	\$51.90	Pump-n-Seal	pump-n-seal.com (Works GREAT! Manual - needs no electricity!)
	\$1,588.95	Bulk foods for 4 people for 1 year	zebgear.com
	\$1,694.90	Bulk Ezekial Bread Mix (family)	aaobfoods.com
		Recipe for Ezekial Bread (a complete protein)	http://www.aaobfoods.com/EzekielBreadMix.htm#Recipe
	\$454.22	Bulk Milk & Egg Option	aaobfoods.com
	\$999.99	THRIVE 1-yr supply for 1 person (Costco)	costco.com
		Mountain House #10 cans	safetycentral.com
	\$49.99	Bulk rice	costco.com
	\$69.99	Bulk Whey Milk	costco.com
		Bulk beans	Costco
		Bulk Sugar	Costco
		Bulk salt	Costco
		Bulk nuts	Costco
		Bulk seeds	Costco
		Oil	Costco
		Honey	Costco
		Maple Syrup	Costco
		Oats	Costco
		Grits	Costco
		Egg Noodles	Costco
		Spaghetti Noodles	Costco
		Evaporated milk	Costco
		Condensed milk	Costco
		Powdered eggs	<i>see bulk foods like Zeb Gear</i>
		Dehydrated butter	<i>see bulk foods like Zeb Gear</i>
		Dehydrated cheese	<i>see bulk foods like Zeb Gear</i>
		Poultry (for vacuum packaging)	Costco
		Beef (for vacuum packaging)	Costco
		Fish (for vacuum packaging)	Costco
		Yeast	Costco
		Vitamins	Vitacost
		Bulk organic seeds for planting	groworganic.com
	\$15.49	Emergen-C packets	costco.com
		Canning jars	Costco

		One Year Bulk Ezekial Bread Supply	aaobfoods.com
		Emergency Food & Food Storage	beprepared.com
		Food Storage & Gluten Free Products	augasonfarms.com
		Food, Water, Storage, Asst. Supplies	www.Costco.com
		CANNED GOODS	
		Green beans	Costco
		Peas	Costco
		Tomatoes	Costco
		Corn	Costco
		Spaghetti Sauce	Costco
		Soups	Costco
		Beans	Costco
		Tuna	Costco
		Salmon	Costco
		Chicken	Costco
		Turkey	Costco
		Cat food	Costco
		SOLAR AND GARDENING	
	\$1465-\$193	Solar generator	Home Depot , Ace Hardware , Amazon.com , AceHardwareOutlet.com , The Great
	\$39.99	Solar Battery charger	preparedness.com
	\$299	Sunoven	preparedness.com
		Organic gardening resources	http://www.groworganic.com/
	\$499	Hydroponic organic fruit & veg tower	http://www.livingtowers.com/ilr
		Renewable Energy Generator	sunrn.com
		PAPER PRODUCTS	
	\$63.19	Toilet Paper (Windsoft 96 ct)	Costco.com
	\$23.99	Paper Towels (Bounty 15 rolls)	Costco.com
	\$48.99	Paper Plates (Dixie 1000 ct)	Costco.com
	\$20.69	Paper Cups (Dart Foam cups 1000 ct)	Costco.com
		Plastic Cutlery	Costco.com
		SELF DEFENSE	
		20 gauge shotgun	Pawn shop
		Chief Special or Airweight revolver	Pawn shop
		Ammunition	Pawn shop
	\$49.99	Multi-tool & Folding knife	Costco.com
		Pepper spray	Pawn shop
		Potassium Iodide	vitacost.com
		Airhorn	Costco
		Whistles	Costco
		PERSONAL HYGIENE	
		Deodorant	Costco
		Toothpaste	Costco
		Toothbrushes	Costco
		Shampoo	Costco
		Conditioner	Costco
		Soap	Costco
		Lotion	Costco
	\$18.49	Hand Sanitizer (Purell Gel 1200 ml)	Vitacost.com
		Wet Wipes	Costco

LIGHTING:		
\$26.99	Lantern	Vitacost
	Light Bulbs	Lowe's
\$99.99	Flashlights (2 LED law enforcement grade)	Costco.com
	Glow lights	preparedness.com
FIRST AID		
	Band-aids	Costco
	Gauze pads	Costco
	Mosquito repellent	Costco
	Hydrocortisone Cream	Costco
\$9.99	Neosporin	Costco.com
	Hydrogen Peroxide	Costco
\$3.39	Alcohol swabs (200 ct)	Costco.com
\$8.19	Latex Gloves (Galaxymedium/100 ct)	Costco.com
\$199.99	First Aid Kit	Costco.com
	Face masks	Costco
	Personal Medications	
EMERGENCY DEPARTURE		
\$425	Go-bag (Zeb Gear?)	zebgear.com
\$24.99	Portable toilet	safetycentral.com
CLEANERS		
	Dishwasher detergent	Costco
	Dishwashing soap	Costco
\$37.99	Laundry detergent	costco.com
\$12.99	Bleach (Clorox 6/96 oz)	costco.com
	Odoban	Costco
	Furniture polish	Costco
\$31.99	Disinfecting Wipes (Clorox 6/75 ct)	costco.com
OTHER		
5.99	Duct Tape	Costco
	Leather Gloves	Costco
\$53.99	Heavy duty black plastic bags (Webster 150 ct)	costco.com
	Bulk Ziploc bags	Costco
	Cat Litter	Costco
POWER, FUEL & APPLIANCES		
\$799.99	Fuel Tank (Liquidynamics -275 gal)	Amazon.com (look for these sold at auction)
\$20.95	Fuel Storage Treatment (treats 256 gal)	theepicenter.com
\$799.99	Backup generator	costco.com
	Propane	Costco
	Propane Grill	Costco
	Matches	Costco
	Lighters	Costco
	Manual grain mill	pleasanthillgrain.com
	Outdoor thermometer	Costco
	Portable fan	safetycentral.com
	Rechargeable Batteries	Costco
	Wood Cook Stove	sopkainc.com
	Wood Cook Stove (Amish)	amishfurnituresuperstore.com
	hydronic power (off the grid) heating	amishfurnituresuperstore.com
	Wood-burning stove	lowes.com

<u>BOOKS</u>		
	Survival	Amazon.com
	Canning	Amazon.com
	Gardening	Amazon.com
	Homesteading	Amazon.com
	Chickens	Amazon.com
	Goats	Amazon.com
<u>SURVIVAL WEBSITES</u>		
	General Supplies	survival-supply.com
	Survival Clothing, Supplies, & instructions	survivalcache.com
	Best site for General Information	2012base.com
	Many general bulk items/good prices	dollartree.com