

This past Sunday, Pastor George ministered,

Overcoming: "OPERATION OVERLOAD"

Perilous Times are Here!

2 Timothy 3:1; (KJV)

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

Perilous (in the Greek) = Difficult, dark, dangerous, furious, fierce, hard to take, troublesome, savage, tough.

(NRSV) "You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come."

(AMPC) "But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]."

Something is going on in the church(es), nation, and the world. The intensity has turned up.

Three Questions:

1. Have you been experiencing an unusual amount of pressure lately?
2. Has the pressure been coming from multiple directions?
3. At times, do you have more to do than you believe you can handle?

If you are experiencing these points, you are not alone. Our Pastors have been experiencing the same thing. This began on October 7th, 2023 with the attacks against Israel, and has been intensifying. We need to remember, there is an anointing for these times; therefore, we can deal with them successfully.

“OPERATION OVERLOAD” this is a strategy of the devil.

1 Peter 5:8-9; (TPT)

“Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour. Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith. For you know that your believing brothers and sisters around the world are experiencing the same kinds of troubles you endure.”

Vigilant - stay awake, stay on your toes.

The devil tries to overload us from all directions – he doesn't play fair. He tries to isolate us. He often says; “You are the only one going through this.” Remember he is a liar.

The devil's plan is

- To have you stop attending church – remove the fellowship.
- Stop reading your Bible – remove the Word.
- Stop praying – remove the revelation, instruction, and direction.
- Then, he hopes you will give up on your faith projects.

Pastor George encouraged us to listen to Brother Hagin's, the ABC's of Bible Faith to remain strong in faith (PDF was added to this week's blog).

Psalm 112:1-10; (KJV)

“None of these things will move me, as I am uncompromising standing on His word.”

Pastor George said:

“I refuse the pressures and the stress, and I choose to **enter** into His rest.”

We can then say...

"I refuse the pressures and the stress, as I choose to **remain** in the Lord's rest."

When I am faced with multiple issues and decisions, Pastor George shared this is the process the enemy follows.

1. I am aware the devil is trying to overload me. (Understand this is the devil.)
2. I say, "I refuse to be overloaded."
3. I separate myself to the Lord and get quiet, as the situations try to talk to you.
4. I ask for God's wisdom.

Talking with the Lord...

Lord, I have all these issues before me. You said in Proverbs 2:7 that you lay up sound wisdom for the righteous. You know exactly what to do about each situation. Your answers come quickly.

We don't say, "Lord I've got this." We need to let the Lord have the care of ALL situations, as He sees the complete picture. Then He guides us on how to properly manage the responsibilities, in grace through faith in Him.

James 1:5; (NIV)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Pastor George mentioned this passage in James. The context of James chapter one is when attacks come, we can freely ask God for wisdom so that we will know whether it is a test, trial, or temptation; and then to operate in wisdom in how we deal with it. [Remember God only tests with obedience.]

Proverbs 2:6; (KJV)

“For the LORD gives wisdom: out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”

Lord, I ask for your wisdom by faith and I believe I receive it in Jesus Name.

Don't say, “Lord I don't know what to do.” Proverbs says, He wants to freely give you His wisdom - wisdom for everything we face, no matter the size.

Philippians 4:13; [a scripture Pastor meditates on]

“I can do ALL THINGS through Christ which strengthens me!”

*(AMPC) “I have strength **FOR ALL THINGS** in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].”*

*(PGT) I can do **EVERYTHING** I need to do and make **EVERY DECISION** I need to make (no matter how much the devil throws at me) through Christ who strengthens and empowers me with His ability.*

The Anointing – which is God working on us to cause us to be able to do things that normally we could not do.

God says I provide strength for all things [that I call you to], not just some things, or large things, or little things that will affect my family. It is all things.

There is a capacity on the inside of us [our spirit], that can be increased, which is limitless, and this comes by the revelation of the Word and Spirit of God.

Acts 20:24;

“None of these things move me.”

Pastor George shared that he spends “much time praying in other tongues,” as tongues is the believer’s advantage that keeps us ahead of the curb.

I set my clock (15 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour plus) I will commit time as Holy Spirit will always ‘download.’ This time creates a greater sensitivity to the things that are happening in the spirit. This time allows us to see clearer in the Spirit, so that we can cooperate with Holy Spirit.

Pastor George shared that when he started working for Brother Copeland, each Monday evening he would assist Vinita Copeland with her Bible study. He said it was a long day and he often felt drained. Brother Copeland said when you finish work, take 15 minutes and pray in the spirit. You will be refreshed, and greater insight to transition from the work of the day, to the ministry of the evening will occur.

Romans 8:26-27; (KJV/PGT)

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (our inability to produce results): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us (He takes hold together with us against the situation) with groanings which cannot be uttered (in articulate speech). And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

I am praying out the will and purposes of God. It gets it out of my brain, and into my heart. I am being charged like a battery.

1 Corinthians 14:2;

“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries (divine secrets and plans).”

Before you make a decision, hold those things in your spirit, so you have the spiritual direction inside, the wisdom, the timing, the method, and the answers that need to be followed.

I hold it in my spirit by praying in tongues and speaking God's Word over it. This is not the time to try and figure it out in your mind, as you may interpret it based on circumstances rather than what the Spirit of God is directing. Take time, wait on the Lord and be strengthened in what He is directing.

When you get up each day, pray over your day,
over your schedule.

**“I believe my day will be an interpretation of what I
prayed out in the spirit when I woke up.”**

This is one way we receive the interpretation
of what we pray.

1 Corinthians 14:13;

“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.”

At other times, the interpretation may come as a word, a conviction, an inner witness, or a strong knowing. Most of the time I will receive one word or a sentence.