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Kevin’s book brings to the Body of Christ a refreshing and clear look at this particular part of our journey called “the wilderness.” Kevin brings insight and revelation that is very much needed for this generation and generations to come. His book, “A Word for the Weary,” will help each individual pass through this place victoriously. Kevin speaks to each reader with a prophetic edge and this increases God’s personal touch on this teaching. I, personally, have gained insight and wisdom and enjoyed reading his book “A Word for the Weary.”

—Gail Manizak

The Power and Presence Ministry

Author: “It’s God’s Word, not Mine . . . ”

Many years ago, I saw a four or five year old little boy in our church Sunday school. As time passed I lost contact with him but a few years ago I was reconnected to him as a young man, a father, with a lovely wife and three children. What I discovered was Kevin had grown into a mighty man of God. Today everyone in our church marvels at his growth and amazing understanding of God’s Word. He also now serves as one of our pastors. Not only do I highly endorse his ministry to you, but I believe every reader will greatly benefit from his book, “A Word for the Weary.”

—Pastor Donald Riling

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A Word for the Weary

40 DAYS
OF WALKING THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

KEVIN STEVENS
This book is dedicated to my wife Bridgett for always believing in me even when I didn’t, to my three beautiful children Jace, Jeremiah, and Hannah who give me a reason to breathe each and every day, and to Jesus for being such a wonderful God who brings us in and through every season of our lives. Words are not enough Lord to give You the glory You deserve.
FOREWORD

A WORD FOR THE WEARY is a book that I could not put down. While reading it, I lost track of time and what I was currently working on. Written from the heart of God, sharing the life models of men and women, patriarchs and matriarchs of old who lived by faith and not by sight, this book outlines in chronological order the life lessons that we all in one way or another can relate to. It is refreshing to know that we are not alone in our life journey to fulfill the call of God on ones’ life. To read these inspiring, encouraging, challenging, uplifting and relatable encounters reassures the reader that God has preordained, predestined and already ordered your steps.

A Word for the Weary is the anthem for believers that the Scripture in Galatians 6:9 declares “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (KJV). This book is beautifully written and well-articulated to reach a broad audience. Kevin Stevens is a prophetic and apostolic leader called to his generation to ignite revival fires, impart the Father’s heart, and cause believers to maximize their full potential and call in God. This book will help readers to identify what season they may be currently in, walking out of or entering into. Kevin challenges the reader to overcome personal trials, tribulations, and circumstances that subtly come to rob a person of their identity, calling, and purpose in God. It was written with you in mind. A Word for the Weary is a book that will assist you through your own 40-day probation period of your life.

In other words, when you have an understanding of your wilderness places and seasons in God, you come to realize that He will sometimes require you to make sudden transitions. Kevin helps the reader
to mark those areas of their lives while assisting them in walking in prophetic fulfillment and relating with the pioneering characters of the Bible that overcame and conquered places that ultimately brought about personal and corporate victory and success for God’s leaders and people.

I highly recommend this anointed, inspiring, and empowering literature for all who desire to upgrade in their walk with God and fulfill their God-given calling in their generation. The captivating stories and words written on these pages will enhance, bless, and inspire you with the Issachar anointing to know what season you may be in and know what to do in it. This 40-day devotional will make you stronger by the Spirit when you are feeling weak or weary which I can attest to after reading this remarkable book of real life stories and truths.

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INTRODUCTION

“The Lord God has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to him who is weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.”

—Isaiah 50:4 NKJV

IN YOUR JOURNEY WITH THE Lord, have you ever found yourself in a season of seemingly wandering through the wilderness? It may be a crushing and difficult situation you find yourself in. Perhaps the trials and turmoil of life have seemed relentless in the pursuit of your peace. Maybe it has been so long since you have experienced and sensed the presence of God in your life. It may even seem you are in a dry desert land where the sun has beaten you down and left your soul parched. There are many circumstances and causes that can leave us feeling like we are held bound in the wilderness. Nevertheless, if you are experiencing this presently, I encourage you to keep reading!

I believe in this very moment the Lord wants to remind you, the reader, that the work He has begun in you He will be faithful to complete. The call of God and the anointing He has placed on your life have never left you. At this present moment you may feel like you are desolate, forsaken, and alone like a ship left out to sea. It may seem as if God is in some far and distant place unaware of your circumstances and the current pain you are experiencing. But the Lord would have you to know that the wilderness place is not unknown to many that
have gone before you. And it is most definitely not unknown to Him! As you read through the pages of Scripture it is most evident that every mighty man and woman of God had to go through severe periods of trial, testing, and tribulation in the wilderness. It would seem that God has designed periods in the wilderness to precede usefulness in the kingdom of God. Even Jesus after He was baptized in the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit came down upon Him, the Scriptures tell us that immediately the Spirit of God led Him into the wilderness for forty days and nights.

My dear brothers and sisters, you are not alone in your wilderness place! God is not finished with you! His promises have not left you! His Spirit has not left you nor His calling, plans, and purposes for your life. But rather, through your wilderness place God is both conforming you into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ, and He is preparing you for the high call of God He has placed upon your life. There are no shortcuts to becoming all that God desires for you to be. The Lord knows exactly what you need to reach your full potential in Jesus Christ. God doesn’t just see you as you are presently. The Lord sees what you will become through His mighty power working within you! Are you weary? Are you exhausted from the pressures of life? Do you feel trapped in that wilderness place? The word of the Lord to you is this: “I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water” (Isaiah 41:18 KJV). God will see you through your wilderness and you will find His supernatural strength will empower you in your hour of need. You may not understand what He is doing now, but in time and through your wilderness you will come to know the faithfulness of God like never before. As you read through the pages of this book, may your hearts be encouraged, your lives transformed, and your strength renewed. To God be all the glory.
And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son’s son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram’s wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

—Genesis 11:31 KJV

Imagine with me walking in the shoes of Abram. Entrenched all around you are the false gods of the nation around you. Even your father, Terah, has been deeply infected with their idolatrous worship and has joined right in with them. One day, in a moment’s notice, your father decides to move your whole family from Ur, everything you once knew, to an unknown land called Haran. Haran could be best described as a desert-like place, most undesirable and definitely not what you had in mind. To add to the situation, once you get settled in Haran, your father, Terah, dies. Life has changed drastically, unexpectedly, and suddenly.

Have you ever felt this way? Have you ever felt the pain of life’s inconsistencies? I’m sure you have! Life for Abram was anything but easy for this portion of his life. I know we can probably all relate to Abram on various levels. The word “Haran” is very interesting in its definition. In Hebrew it means to melt, burn, or literally dry up. It is very likely that the place Haran, the place of being dried up, could have well-spoken of the condition of Abram’s soul at that current time. Although Abram had married Sarai, she was unable to have children...
at this point. Surely this was most burdensome to them both. It is very possible Abram was in a very dry, tiring, and discouraging place in his life. It seems Abram was in a wilderness place! But little did Abram realize it; the Lord was setting Abram up to reveal Himself to him in a mighty way. The Lord was getting ready to open up the eyes of Abram’s understanding.

Did you realize that the Lord has divinely designed those dry periods and wilderness places in our lives to prepare us to receive a greater revelation of Himself? It is those wilderness experiences in our lives that not only grab our attention but also teach us to thirst for the presence of the Lord, to seek His face, and to draw ever closer to Him. If you are in dry and wilderness-type place, get ready because the Lord is getting you ready to experience Him in a fresh, new way!

Look at what happens next. Life is going on for Abram as it was and the Lord reveals Himself to Abram, speaks directly into his life, and gives Abram clear direction to leave Haran along with his father’s family to go into a land that He would show Abram. Not only did the Lord give Abram a command, He gave him a most precious promise attached with His instructions that He would bless Abram, make him famous, and that He would turn him into a great nation. But there’s only one thing. God did not tell Abram the full details of where he would be going. The Lord just told Abram to go to a land He would show him. Initially to Abram this could have added to his wilderness experience! Not knowing, Abram did obey, but where would he go? How would God bring His promise to pass? Is it too good to be true? Abram was called out by God. God would bless Abram’s obedience and He will bless ours when we step out in faith and obedience to His voice in our lives. You have been called out by the Lord. Yes, you may feel like you are in Haran, a dry desert place, but the Lord is getting ready to do some great things in your life. You watch, you wait, you’ll see.
ABRAM

TIME OF TRANSITION

DAY 2

Now the Lord had said to Abram:
“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.”

—Genesis 12:1 NKJV

Times of transition can be some of the most difficult and challenging seasons in our lives. We as people become so accustomed to doing things the same way and getting comfortable in the same routines, but God has a way of almost always interrupting our little plans in order to bring about His marvelous purposes in our lives. But it doesn’t come without the much-needed transitions to bring us from point A to point B and so on. Oftentimes, the Lord will take us spiritually speaking up to the mountaintop. Off in the far distance the Lord will enable us to see something that He will fulfill and bring to pass in our lives. But what God does not share with us is how we will reach the fulfillment of His promise. As we look from the mountaintop to the valley below all we can see are the dark clouds that loom heavily above. We know we must pass through that valley place to get to the place the Lord has promised us. Slowly we start to descend off of the mountaintop and enter into the valley place and into TRANSITION.
Here Abram had been given a glorious promise by God, but he had no idea what he would encounter in the days ahead in accordance with that promise. Leaving Ur, moving into Haran, and then being called out by God to go to some unknown land. I want to encourage you with this word from the Lord. Transitions are a normal and a necessary part of not only growth but getting to the divine destination God has intended for your life. I remember when I served as a youth director at a church for three years. Things had been going very well in the ministry. We were planted there, serving, loving the Lord and His people. The Spirit of God was actively at work. And then TRANSITION. My wife no longer felt a part of that fellowship of believers. For some time I continued to serve and lead the youth but there came a point where I had to sit down with my pastor and let him know that I was stepping down from all ministry and we were leaving the church altogether. This began a very difficult season of transition in our lives. It would be about eighteen months before we were replanted by God in another church body and into the work of the ministry. But it was during this time I remember just crying out to God. Knowing the deep call and desires He had placed in my heart but yet so discouraged at the same time as we were transitioning and trying to discern the will of God for our lives. I’m sure Abram went through this during his time of transition.

Be encouraged, my brothers and sisters. Without change we are left with just that. No change. We must understand both the heart of God and the leading of the Spirit of God during our transition seasons. Times of transition can seem like you are wandering through a remote wilderness with a compass trying to decide which way to go next. But know that He will be faithful to get you where you need to be. Perhaps even right now you are in a season of transition and change. Maybe it is from one church to another, one ministry to another, or one place of employment to another. Perhaps you are still mourning and grieving the death of someone you loved so dearly. All that once was has been seemingly stripped away from you. And without warning!
Whatever the change is, God will supply just what you need to get you through it. Beloved, take heart in your season of transition. God fulfilled His promises to Abram. And He will fulfill His promises to you! With confidence, I can tell you He brought my family and me into a wonderful, spiritually wealthy place. But it does not happen without TRANSITION.
And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said,
and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken.
For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age,
at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
—Genesis 21:1-2 NKJV

Abram was no longer Abram, but now Abraham! He was a changed man! Abram turned Abraham was transformed and changed by the power of God. Just like you whose lives have been invaded by the Spirit of God and made new in Jesus Christ! But what we must understand and realize is the work God did in Abraham did not happen overnight but over many years. Just like the promise God made to Abraham concerning his son Isaac did not happen rapidly, but took many years to come to fruition.

God spends quality time shaping and transforming His servants both in character and in teaching them to trust Him and walk by faith. When God gives you and me a specific promise, the Lord will put us through His process to prepare us to possess the promise. Do you want to possess the promises of God for your life? Then you must be willing to submit to the Lord’s process of preparation in order to receive them. There is no way around it. There is no quick subway you can take. No overnight flight to your Promised Land. There must be the allotted time in each of our lives to give time for the Holy Spirit
to do what He does best in us. Nothing is wasted by the Lord. Every hour, every day, each month we are confronted with God-designed circumstances that are intended to shape us into fit men and women of God. Men and women who can be trusted to handle and have in possession the things God has promised us. When we have submitted to God’s processes in our lives there comes the day when what God has revealed to us will become a reality and will be manifested for our eyes to see! Oh, what a glorious day! The vision is for a set time. Though you may have to wait for it, it will surely come! God will perform His Word!

Abraham and Sarah had a precious promise from God that they would bear a son even in their old age. From the moment God gave the promise time seemed to go on and on and on with no realization of the promise. Abraham and Sarah entered into a season of desperation. They began to try and possess the promise of God by making plans in the flesh. As the years went on the likelihood of what God said would happen seemed to be a fleeting, far-fetched idea somewhere off in the distance. Surely too much time had passed for God to be faithful to His Word. In the natural they were right. They were both old in age and long past the time of bearing children. But the God we serve is a supernatural God of power and might and He works outside the dimension of natural ability. The Word He speaks He plans to fulfill in just the right time and season. Perhaps you are in this type of season currently. You have received some glorious promise from the Lord that He has revealed to you by His Word and by His Spirit. And now you are in the wilderness of waiting. It has been said by one preacher, “Those who wait upon the Lord, will wait and wait and wait.” God is not the One who is in a hurry. Often it is us, you and I, who think we know best when we are ready to enter our Promised Land. We often run ahead of God with great intentions but only to our own harm. But it is God who is full of infinite wisdom. It is the Lord whose thoughts and ways are high above ours. It is Jesus Christ, our loving King, who sees
the beginning to the end of our lives. I want to encourage you with this word from the Lord: If He said it, He will do it. If He birthed the desire in your heart, He will bring that desire to pass. And when all around you seems to speak against the promises of God for your life you can be sure of this: “He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:24 NKJV).
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