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I NEED A CHANGE

Have you ever said, "I need a change"? When we speak things like this, we need to be prepared for it to happen. We might be frustrated in our work, and say we need a change, and then we lose our job and wonder what happened. Words are very powerful my friends. We must filter what we say through the Spirit of God before we speak for each word is bringing life or death. Have I ever spoken without thinking? Yes, many times, and many times I quickly regretted it and had to repent.

It says in Proverbs 18:21, ***"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*** So literally, we are eating the words that we speak whether they bring life or death. What we speak is what we receive.

What do we do when change comes? Most of us want things different but don't want the change to get there. I am reminded of Jonah. God gave him an assignment and he did not want to do it and ran from God. He ended up in the belly of a whale (some translations say a large fish)! Sound farfetched? Well when we don't go with what God wants for us, we end up in a mess too. It may not be a belly of a whale, but I can assure you it will not be a place we want to be. The pressure of that place will cause us to run again, or to be broken. Being broken will hurt, but out of brokenness comes new beginnings.

So often we are led out of our emotions instead of by our spirit. God speaks to our spirit, and Satan speaks to our mind. We must sort out who is talking, then determine to listen to God. Many times, what God requires of us will not make any sense. It didn't make any sense to the disciples that Jesus would be crucified. They did not understand it. They wanted it to be different! Yet if it had not happened there would not be any way to be reconciled with God.

Change is not always a bad thing. Change can bring new beginnings, new insights and new revelation that would not come without change. I remember when we moved years ago. My daughter did not like it at all, but if we hadn't moved, she would never have met her future husband!

The nation of Israel was on their way to the promised land. The trip should have taken less than a month, but it ended up taking 40 years because they resisted God's leading. Oh, we can say that would never happen to us, but we too resist God's leading when it doesn't make sense or seem fair.

I pray that as you read this you can spend some time asking God what needs to change in your life before you go through hard times. Most problems can be avoided if we take the time to listen to God and His plan, even if it is different than our own plan. Change can be a good thing! Be blessed to be a blessing.