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THE CRUSHING

There has been much said in this season amongst the prophetic voices about the crushing. They, including our ministry, have talked about how the finest oil comes from the crushing of the olives, and the best wine from the crushing of the grapes.

Many are going through things right now that are crushing them. I want to remind you that God knows all about it. He knows what it takes to bring you closer to him and make you become fine oil or wine. We must remember that oil only comes through the crushing process. Likewise with fine wine, the grapes must be crushed to get the wine.

In Exodus 20 are the Ten Commandments. In Exodus 20:3 it says, ***“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”*** We often think this only means idol worship, but it means more than that. When we put “anything” before our time with God and our walk with God it is an idol. Whether it be a family member or sports, or our job, social media, or entertainment, they can never come first.

Often God gives us a little latitude in our walk, but the season we are in is calling for removal of any hindrance that causes us to put God in second or third place. I am not saying that God will remove someone by death that we worship more than him, but it can happen. He has spoken prophetically that there will be many suddenlies this season. I have seen this in my own life, where someone was taken out suddenly.

We must make a point to put God first in everything. In worship, in prayer, in our finances, in our marriage, in our children’s lives and everything else. God is a jealous God and will not play second fiddle.

If you are going through the crushing, it is a process that is removing any hindrance in your walk with him. We can’t have it both ways. The remnant will be a sold-out people that know that if they lost everything but still have the Lord, then they have all they need.

Take time to ask God if there is any area in your life that needs to be “changed” and then allow God to do a work in your life to bring it about. Remember, the end results will be worth going through the process.