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WORD FOR AUSTRALIA 2020 – CRISIS, CROSSROADS, CHOICE

BY Ps Barbara Miller 8.1.2020

2020 will be a turning point for Australia in a number of ways. It is a time to turn away from distractions, to turn away from sin and turn to God. We are at the point of a national crisis because of the bushfires and drought.

But crisis brings opportunity to turn away from things that are not working. To turn away from what displeases God. To turn away from old paths that are leading nowhere. And to turn to the path of righteousness. To turn to a place of intimacy with God.

We are at a crossroads as a nation. We have a choice whether to take a path that leads to death or a path that leads to life. Many are in the valley of decision. We need to pray for them but also to take them by the hand and lead them to Him.

Australia is on the verge of a revival. Eternity will be on the minds of many but they are wandering in the dark not knowing how to grasp eternal life. We need to give them keys. The love of the church at the time of the nation's greatest need is one key. This is done through practical help and sharing our testimonies.

There are tests ahead for the church in 2020. The church in Australia has been divided on moral issues e.g. same sex marriage, transgender issues, abortion and euthanasia. Some leaders have chosen society's values over Biblical values. Others have kept Biblical values but been judgemental. We need to speak the truth in love.

This is a call for unity of the church and a return to Biblical values. 2020 is a time for the church to show more moral leadership to the nation and to rise to its calling to be salt and light and not hide its light under a bushel.

Declare and pray into this word and the following scriptures.

Joel 2:13

And rend your heart and not your garments " Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and relenting of evil.

Zechariah 1:3

"Therefore, say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Return to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

Song of Solomon 2:10 ESV

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away,

Jeremiah 6:16 NIV

16 This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 NIV

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

Joel 3:14 KJV

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Psalms 85:6 NIV

6 Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

1 Peter 4:12-13 ESV

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Ephesians 4:15 NIV

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Psalms 133:1 NIV

A song of ascents. Of David. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

John 13:35 NIV

35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Matthew 5:15-16 NIV

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.