

# **“I Am Giving Things Back”**

## **Prayer call 1/1/23**

Have you ever misplaced or lost something? In the past several years that has happened to me several times – there’s a coat, my car keys, the pink comb, and then there were my favorite earrings.

The earrings only cost about \$15, but they were cute, dangly cubic zirconium’s that went with anything. About 2 years ago I wore them to a women’s retreat in Texas. Upon returning home I could not find them...anywhere. I looked multiple times...everywhere. After a few weeks I gave up.

Last week Bart and I were getting our house organized and sorting through items, in preparation for a purge. On my dresser was a little burlap bag about the size of a deck of cards. I remembered it as having the thumb drive of pictures from our daughter and son-in-law’s wedding. Having not looked in it for a long time I picked it up and looked inside. It wasn’t the thumb drive at all. In the bag were mementos from the retreat in Texas. As I looked in the bottom of the bag, I saw something sparkle. I turned the bag upside-down and into the palm of my hand dropped my long-lost earrings.

As I realized what I had in my hand, I almost cried from happiness and relief. I showed the earrings to Bart and said, “I am so delighted!!”

At that moment I sensed the Lord say, “I am giving things back!” Meaning – things that we have lost, misplaced, been stolen by the enemy, or even loved-ones who have walked away from the Lord are being restored to us. God is bringing people and things back in the coming year, 2023.

As I prayed about this, I saw a picture in my mind of tornados, whirlwinds, and hurricanes – all swirling. In the center, where the eyes of the storms were, there was calm. The storms were all connected by a red cord threaded through the storms’ eyes.

This is what I sensed the Lord saying, "I AM giving things back that have been stolen or hidden. What you've searched for, that you thought was lost, is coming back. It was never really gone. You may have just been looking in the wrong places. Hold on to me, the author and perfecter of your faith. I will show you where to look. I clear the path for you to see clearly. In the midst of the storm all around you is where you'll find peace. My peace is in the center of my will for you. Ignore the gale force, hurricane conditions around you. In the eye of the storm, in the midst of the mess, in the middle of my will is where you should be. My eye is on you. As the storm clears away the rubble of rubbish before you, step forward. Don't look at the storm. Look up! My eye is on you. Stay focused and you'll see clearly, the things I'm showing you. As you look up, you'll be able to discern false from true. There have always been storms of deception, but My Truth, the calm in the middle of the storm's eye, is the thread of truth. My truth has always been, is now, and will always be. Hold onto that. The enemy would try to tear you away with the stormy seduction of lies. Stand on the firm foundation of my Son and be saved. Truth restores, truth sustain, truth endures. The lie that all is lost is the biggest lie of all. Believe and hope in the truth - that I love you, restore all, make things new, and redeem all things."

Three scriptures that come to mind are:

Isaiah 43:19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

The word "new" in this scripture means – "renew, make new, repair". That tells me that God is renewing, making new, and repairing lost and broken things to us!

Joel 2:25 "I will repay you the years the locusts have eaten."

In this scripture the work "repay" means – "restore, to be in a covenant of peace; to make peace with; to be complete, sound; finish, recompense, to be repaid" God is repaying us for what has been stolen!

Revelation 21:5 “He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’”

In this scripture the word “new” means – “fresh, unused, unworn, unprecedented, unheard of.” That says to me that what God returns/restores to us is new and fresh, not worn out – and returned in a way that is unprecedented so that no man can take credit; it will only be explainable as a work of the Lord!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are faithful. Your word is true. Thank you that as we step into your love and truth, we walk in peace – your peace that passes understanding. Keep our eyes focused on you Thank you that your eye is on us. With your grace, we stay in your will, not looking to the right or to the left. Thank you that you are returning things to us that we thought were lost. I smash the lie off the ecclesia that “all is lost.” I say – all is found! We receive what you are doing in this hour. We dedicate the year 2023 to you and say, “This is the year of truth, return, and restoration!” I pray this all in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

Declarations:

God is restoring...

God is doing a new thing...

God will repay...

God is making...

God – our eyes are on you and what you are doing. We agree and say “Amen” to all that you are doing!!

Addendum: After writing this, I saw a post on Facebook from Shawn Bolz that confirmed this word. He wrote “I decree over you that your loss will equal huge gain for the Kingdom; that He will repay what has been stolen or lost in Jesus’ name.” God will pay back what was stolen!

All glory, honor, and praise to Lord Jesus Christ!!