

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!

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Ever think that you (even though you are trying as hard as you can and doing all you can think of to do) are not making an effective change at all in the situation or problem you find yourself in? Ever think your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling and not reaching God's ear, if they even get as far as the ceiling? Ever think that the small offering of time, talent, finance, or your willingness to serve Him doesn't hold much weight in the Kingdom of God?

I want you to know that **YOU ARE** making a difference! Just this past week I saw a tsunami on Facebook, not realizing that this tsunami had just occurred in Indonesia. It wasn't until I saw the news I realized someone took pictures of it as it happened and put it on the Internet for all to see. As I watched the water slowly rising in the streets, it didn't look that horrible. Just some minor flooding; water covering the street and going over sidewalks. I saw a group of trees slowly being surrounded by water. No big deal. I had seen flooding before when the water comes up and then recedes back into its bank. This is how our prayers first begin. We pray, and it seems like nothing really big or important happens. The devil may even be thinking or telling us 'No big deal. They are calling on God for a few minutes or seconds. No problem for me; they will quit soon.'

But as I continued to watch, the water didn't stop coming. The force of the water began to move objects that were on the ground as if they were in a big swimming pool. Then I saw cars and trucks that had been parked begin to float around and crash into one another. The people filming this event were on the top floors of a building. You could hear them talking; however, since it was in Indonesia, I could not understand what they were saying. But I could sense the feeling of helplessness as they watched the water continue to come. As the small ripples of water gathered speed and moved cars and trucks, the ripples were no longer ripples but waves of water on what had been dry ground! Just like the water builds momentum and strength, our continued prayers build momentum and strength in the spirit world. The Bible even reminds us in James 5:16 -- "***The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much.***" Ah, it is when we continue in prayer that makes the devil take notice and realize we really do mean business!

Remember I said there were a group of trees being surrounded by water? Well, as the water grew stronger and the ripples turned to waves, those trees were uprooted by the force and floated along with the current. Wherever the water went, those trees now were forced to go. Kind of like the devil and those sin areas in our life. As we continue to pray, gain strength, and receive God's power, those sin areas in our life are uprooted and begin to leave where they had been planted.

Little wonder now as we recall in John 7:38 (one of the scriptures our name is based upon) "***... out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.***" There is **POWER** in prayer! There is **POWER** that will flow out of our mouth! God is sweeping across this entire world! He is changing those seeking a change! He is even beginning to change those who did not know they needed a change; therefore, they were not seeking to be changed. But God is in control! He, and He alone, will have the final say!

Look at nature. Look at what we see with our eyes. As we see nature and this creation changing, rest assured that there is also a change in the spirit happening! Don't get lazy or side-tracked. God is doing a marvelous work, and He will use **YOU** to complete this work that He is orchestrating.

You may ask, 'What am I to do?' All you need to do is **KEEP seeking God!** **KEEP putting God first** in your life! Become an open vessel for Him to use. He will fill your belly. You will begin to speak things into existence: peace, love, joy, jobs, healing, what ever is needed. As He tells you, SPEAK it! Watch God perform what He has told you to speak forth!