

## REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR

Beloved, you cannot afford to spend the rest of your life trying to protect yourself from the struggles of life. Consider the birthing table of an expectant mother. It is designed to hold her in the birth position in spite of the pain. Can you maintain your position even when it means that you will be exposed to a high level of pain? That is what good ministry does in our lives. It holds us in place even when we would have stepped out of the will of God to save ourselves from the stress of the process.

Jesus was tied to the birthing table in the garden of Gethsemane. The Church was in Him "from the foundation of the world," and it was to be brought out of His bleeding side on the cross. As the pains became greater, He prayed to change position. He did not want to be in the vulnerable position of delivery! [1 Corinthians 15:10]. Peace & Love to you! Shalom!

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