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“Before I even put my feet on the floor, I thank the Lord that He is my Husband, and that He will never leave me nor forsake me! When I meet with Him, I know He listens. I find comfort that He loves me and focus on Him, instead of rehearsing the "I don't love you" words spoken from my husband.

By meeting with Him in the beginning of the day, I can make it through the day. When I rush through my time with God or if I miss it for some reason, I feel so weak in my spirit a few hours later. Once I go meet with God, my strength returns.

With God I can endure this trial, and I wouldn't know what to hold on to, if He wasn't by my side loving me!!!”

Marcia in Texas, RMI Fellowship Member, separated

January 24

“For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name’s sake *lead me, and guide me*” (Ps. 31:3 KJV).

Beloved, does the way before you seem impossible? Is your future full of the unknown?

You are not alone.

The Lord has not “sent” you but has asked you to walk “with” Him.

Are you anxious about what you must give up, what He is asking you to leave behind? Do you long for the fruits of Egypt, but have forgotten the land that He has promised you, the land flowing with milk and honey? But, oh, the desert land that looms before us, as my Savior and I stand hand in hand!

Beloved, do not let go. Stay close by His side, eyes on Him. Yield to His turnings even when it seems you are headed the wrong way. Whisper to Him, “Lead me, Lord...”

Women read Prov. 31:10–31; men read 1 Cor. 13 and Col. 3:19.

January 25

“You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the Lord is with you” (2 Chron. 20:17).

Beloved, are you being forced upon? Are you standing with your back to a Red Sea in your life?

Fear not.

But turn.

Stand and see the salvation of the Lord in this particular situation. Your Jericho is up ahead, your final and glorious victory, which will be total restoration. But before that, you will see the parting of the seas in your circumstances; the Lord will feed you with manna, food from His Word that will sustain you daily in your wilderness. He will wash you, cleanse you, and refresh you with fresh waters in your dry places.

All these as you trust Him. As you merely stand and see...

Women read 1 Pet. 2:13 through 1 Pet. 3:18; men read Prov. 5.

January 26

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, *from whence cometh my help*. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth” (Ps. 121:1–2 KJV).

Beloved, where is your strength coming from?

Are you tired, weary, or maybe discouraged?

All the strength we will ever need is from a single, ready source. “My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Is your need really too big for God, who made you and all that you see? Is He not more than able?

All He asks from us is our leaning on, relying on, and calling on His name. And then, with faith—for without faith we cannot please Him—with faith we wait, eyes lifted to heaven, “from whence cometh my help.”

Women read 1Cor. 7:1–16, 39; men read 1 Pet. 3:7–12 and 1 Pet. 2:21–25.

January 27

“But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:6–8).

Beloved, are you being driven and tossed by the wind? Do you feel unstable in your decisions, in all your ways?

Then, Beloved, you are living with a mind that is doubled. God said that those with a mind that is doubled should expect nothing from God. Double-mindedness is what has you reeling. Settle this thing in your mind.

Do you doubt God’s ability to do this thing for you? Is there anything too difficult for Him? Or is it that you feel you have failed to earn it? Is it not blessings, mercy, and free gifts that He gives to us even as we sleep? Then, Beloved, it must be your lack of obedience that has you doubting. Settle this thing today. Obey and then believe for the goodness of the Lord.

Women read Eph. 5:22–24, 31, 33; men read 1 Cor. 7:1–16.

January 28

“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living” (Ps. 27:13).

Why do some never see victory? Are we not warned not to weary of doing well? Are we not promised that those who endure to the end will receive a reward?

The answer lies in just two words: “I believe.”

There is no question in those two words. The statement is resolute. No wavering.

Beloved, are you as determined to believe God where you stand? Not knowing how or when, but knowing somehow and at some time?

Yes, as the Psalmist proclaimed, I, too, would have fainted unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Therefore I will wait.

Women read 1 Tim 2:9–15; men read Prov. 7.

January 29

“Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed... He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them” (Ps. 2:1–4).

Do you see that the enemy is doing a vain thing as they plot against the Lord and His anointed? God sits in the heavens and laughs. For He knows that man’s desires and plans are futile against the ways of the Lord and His will.

As we rise above the torments that assail us, as we leave matters of this world and climb to the heights of praise, we have the ability to look down at our circumstances that have altogether plagued us. We can now see clearly, as God sees them from His heavenly throne. They are futile attempts when there is One so great that He is not worried by the attempts and plans of the enemy but instead scoffs at them.

Women read Titus 2:3–5; men read Gen. 2:18–25 and 3:14–19.

January 30

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return” (Luke 6:38).

Beloved, what is needed for God to move on your behalf? Have you waited in vain? Do you need a miracle for your present situation to be made right? Then give.

Give all to Him, holding nothing back. You come to Him in need, but you are not relinquishing everything. What are you holding back?

The widow gave *all* she had and the Lord singled her out of the crowd for *all* she had given.

The boy with the fish and loaves gave *all* he had, which enabled more than 5,000 to eat.

The Lord has given you His life. What will you give to Him?

Women read Gen. 2:18, 20–25 and 3:12,13,16; men read Eph. 5:25–33.

January 31

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Ps. 126:6 KJV).

Beloved, are you sowing even though you sow with tears? Are you forever carrying your seeds with you even though sorrow and heaviness are also your companions? Then doubtless you will soon come again rejoicing!

Beloved, though mourning and tears are your daily friends, this is not the time to neglect the waiting soil where your seeds of faith, your seeds of comforting others, your seeds of love, your seeds of service would yield a bountiful harvest.

Don't allow your circumstances to so keep your attention that you neglect this opportunity. Fall will come, and those who have sown in tears will doubtless come again carrying the fruits of their labor with them.

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