



...gathering from the 4 winds.....

"come just as you are"
Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing

~Thought For The Day~



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Prayer

God Father; I ask it in Jesus' name, that You lead us and guide us this week. I ask that You supply all our needs, obligations, and daily bread. Bless us and keep us, and protect us. Let Your wisdom well up in us and give us discernment in all our tasks. I ask that You open all people's ears to hear Your Word, open their eyes to see with spiritual seeing, open their spirit, souls, hearts and minds to receiving Your teaching. I ask that each person's spiritual needs are met, they are helped to grow in the spirit, and all are reached with the gospel. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

27 And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said to him, Follow me. Matt 9:9; Mark 2:14-15; 28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them. Matt 9:10; Mark 2:15; Luke 15:1; 30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said to them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Matt 9:13; Luke 19:10; 1Tim 1:15; **Luke 5: 27-32**

36 And he spoke also a parable to them; No man puts a piece of a new garment on an old; if otherwise, then both the new makes a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agrees not with the old. **37** And no man puts new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. **Matt 9:17; Mark 2:22; 38** But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. **39** No man also having drunk old wine straightway desires new: for he said, The old is better. **Luke 5: 36-39**

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When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon (Peter). Put out into the deep [water], and lower your net for a haul. Simon answered we have toiled all night and caught nothing, but on the ground of Your word. I will lower the nets [again]. Note also that Simon had also rowed Jesus out from the shore, as the crowds pressed upon Jesus, and Jesus taught. So Simon had worked all night with not much success and caught nothing, so than after working all night he assisted Jesus, and rowed him out from the shore, and listened to Jesus teach, than Jesus had said put out into the deep, but believing Jesus to be the truth they did, and the nets were at the point of breaking (if you have ever seen an industrial fishing need, you know how strong they are) and both of the boats were filled and they started to sink. So Jesus had blessed them with their need, and more than enough.

When Jesus is urging us to step out, we need to listen; most of the time we make excuses, well yeah but I don't know how. Yes, actually you do, that is what grace is. He enables us to do it, and puts the grace in us to do the task. Next thing people may say is yeah but I have no money, well I can tell you, God is not broke and never has been. So what do you do and how do you know it is Him? You pray and ask for confirmation, and that confirmation will line up with the Word, it never goes against God's Word, ever. You should also have a sense of peace (I am not saying you will not have some discomfort because it is new, note I did not say fear, we are to trust Him and yeah we might be afraid but we do it anyway.) Than you ask in prayer for the needs to be met. When I first started prayer, I used to ask for everyone else's needs, and not my own, I thought I was not supposed to, I did once in a while, but I thought I was being humble. After listening to several teachings on the supply to be enabled, and also my mentor, I realized that was the problem, I was not asking for it. So from time to time, like I said, I had asked for some tools for the work, but never a extensive list (understand it has to be His will, not yours) So, when a person see's one of my written prayers for them they say boy that is extensive and to the point, but yet simple....and I go yeah, I make a list, and I also know on praying for people to be direct and to the point, if they are petitioning for healing than you say what the problem is and where at, than ask for total body healing and health, His will. I was looking over those lists that I kept, actually stumbled across one for the needs in ministry and my life met. After reading it, I am going whoa God supplied all of it. I also know those lists are ministry needs, tools and not materialistic gain. I also want to warn you not to listen to friends, I did some, and I was at the point, well maybe God did not call me, they kept saying you can't do that. So I started praying and asking and got the confirmation again, so I have learned to listen to God, than if I need a seasoned believer for prayer, etc. I ask. I have also come to the conclusion if God, has not given them a vision or task to do, they wonder why I have one and they don't. Some of that is just not listening, or not God's will, or maybe they are put out, because God is moving with someone else and not them. I was taught to be happy when someone is blessed, it is from God. The hardest part is stepping out, taking the first step, stepping out in faith. I have learned the hard way to pray and ask first, don't expect God to bless your plan, it has to be His plan, He does not have to bless your man made plans if it is not His will. I was also told the vision He gave me was for three different areas of work, and I stated NO I see it as one, they just all fit together the three areas. I never could understand churches that do just one area, and not met the need for the whole person, I cannot understand churches that do not do missions either, I shake my head on that one, to love your neighbor as yourself, means to help them, not to be their hero as a friend stated, but giving them a hand up with the hand out enabling them to go forward and the gift is from God no one else, so we are not hero's or rescuer'sif we do that we are enabling them to be victims the rest of their lives, and that is not helping but hindering, they will not grow in Jesus. When a believer first starts they are on milk, our jobs are to teach them to seek and learn how to get the meat and learn it themselves, than they go after a season and pass it on, that is being His hands and feet. Leaders encourage people to rise to their best. When people used to come to me at work and complain, or grumble, I would say don't come to me with a complaint only, but give me your idea of a working solution and we will discuss it to see if, how, and why it may or may not work, if you treat people like they are worth something, they rise to the occasion, that is leadership, also.

So this kind of goes along with what Simon said, but you note Jesus encouraged them, when Simon said we worked all night, Jesus gave him a Word, for a haul, and Simon believed Him and stepped out in faith. The only way we fulfill our destinies and succeed at being our true selves is to take many steps of faith. Stepping out into the unknown and launching into the deep, as we read about in Luke 5:4 can be frightening. Feelings of fear cause many people to never step out, so they never find out what they are capable of. We each need to obey God when He wants us to step out into something new or challenging. We are not living in His grace, where many doors are open of opportunity that God gives us. Do what God asks you to do even if we must....do it afraid. Make a decision that you will not miss any opportunity that God gives you. Many people miss God's will for their life because they play it safe. This does not mean we do foolish things or unwise, for we are to be good stewards. Many times what God gives us to do does not make sense, it does not make sense to the natural world, but God's ways are higher. We must use discernment, and not by our own carnal minds or what people suggest to us. When we step out we should do all we can do to be sure that we respond in faith and obedience to God's leading, and not act on some wild thought we have or on a lie

From Satan to try to lure us into destruction. Ask Him to make clear to you what He wants you to do and then obey. Also read Matthew 11 : 25-30, not where it says my yoke is easy my burden is light, if what He has given you is not, the task, than you most likely have added to it, not saying NO to do extras when you should, for one person can not do it all, that is why each person has a spiritual gift and if you don't allow people to help when the ministry or tasks starts bearing fruit, than you are disabling them to use the gift God gave them. We are one body with many parts, it all goes into the same place. It is easy to add to what He has given us to do, because we want to be faithful and do a good job, but we do not have to go overboard, if anything He has taught me to do ,it is, keep it simple. (Some notes; quotes used from JM, Amplified Bible; 2006; page 1612)

Than Jesus speaks of the wine cloths and garments. No, one puts a patch from a new garment on an old garment, if he does, he will both tear the new one, and the patch from the new one will not match the old garment. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins, if he does, the fresh wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled and the skins will be ruined (destroyed). When we receive Jesus; we need to give Him all we are, and all we are not. Sometimes we try to impress God and other people with what we are while we hide what we are not, people cannot become all that God wants them to be until they face what they are not and no longer have a problem with it. Don't waste precious time trying to be something you are not, instead discover the gift He has placed in you. Many people never fulfill their God ordained destiny because they keep trying to be something or somebody they were never meant to be. God just wants us to be who we are.....do not compare yourself with others or compete with them. We all have weaknesses and inabilities. Satan likes us to believe we are the only one with a problem, this is to hinder you. If we were perfect, Jesus would not have needed to come to earth. He came for those who were sick, not those who were healthy, He already knows you everything you have did, or will do. God strength is made perfect in our weaknesses. Whatever you are not, He is. Tell God everything you need, He is waiting for you to ask. Thus the meaning of the garmentyou cannot take an old garment and sew new material into it, if first has to be washed (made comparable the material adjusted so it can take the patch) made so that the patch will not pull away or tear the old garment...in other words, learning His way, His life, not living your old life and just doing His way when you feel like it. You have to live being a Christian, walk it, talk it, and be truthful in it, you cannot be a Christian one day and the next revert to your old life styles (drinking, drugs, sin) If you have been you need to repent and ask Him His will for you. There is NO half lie, white lie, it is all a lie; there is No pushing it to the line with lust if you remain it you will step out and do the act; there is NO well I just love him /her and God understands we are living together but we love each other.....NO it is sin, the Bible does not say ...Oh a forth sin, or a half sin.....it says SIN....and God will not be mocked, you think now you are getting away with it, but you won't, it will be brought into the light. Fresh wine into old wine skins.....you are your old self, there is no change, you fall away, and usually when that happens your ways are worse than the old self does, if new wine...than new wine skins.....new life.....everyone has a before and after story when saved, if they don't than changes are they are not saved, or are in the process of falling away.....

Define....Wine Skins....

The Israelite, like the modern Arabic and Syrian, used mainly the skin of the goat and the sheep, but the skins of the ox and the camel have also been put to this purpose. The skin is removed from the animal by drawing it over the body from the neck downward, half the skin on each of the limbs being also retained. It is then tanned, the hair cut close, turned inside out, and has all the openings save one closed with cords, when it is ready for use. The reference to "a wineskin in the smoke" in **Psalm 119:83** is generally explained on the supposition of its being hung there for mellowing purposes, but this can scarcely be accepted, for wine is never left for any length of time in the skin on account of its imparting a disagreeable flavor to the contents. The explanation of the New Testament passages is that the new wine, still liable to continue fermenting to a small extent at least, was put into new, still expandible skins, a condition that had ceased in the older ones.

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**

