



...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; in Jesus' name I ask it, lead and guide us each day this week Your will for us and plans. I ask for a stress free day and a day of ease. Give each one peace. Supply all our needs and bless us with our daily bread. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Matt 6:24;

Luke 16: 10-13

16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it. Matt 11:12-13; 17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one pronounciation mark of the law to fail. Ps 102:26; Isa 40:8; Isa 51:6; Matt 5:18;

Luke 16: 16- 17

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. Job 21:13;

Luke 16: 25

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Whom do you serve? One master, or two?? You can not serve two masters only one. When God is done with something and moving you on to something else, you had better listen. If God is asking you to quit doing something and to do something new, you had better listen, for when He shuts a door something He is done with, it is shut and NO man/woman can open it. If that something He called you to do is of Him, and He is moving you on to something new that is part of the plan for His will for you I used to think, but who will take care of this and that, if it is of Him, He sends someone to do it to step in. He may have you start something in ministry but you are the starter, than someone else waters, someone else is the caretaker, and someone else brings the harvest in, than someone else starts and replants for it to grow and expand, than again someone else waters, than the fertilizer, than the growth, and someone else comes to take over. He may leave a person in a area or position for years, and years, but if you talk to that person, they will tell you of the planting, watering, harvest than something new, the changing the growing, the bearing fruit. A good example would be Billy Graham, Chuck Smith, if God's plan was for the church/ministry to be small and not change and evolve it would have stayed small. One mistake I made in the beginning in the ministry was to pray I asked for equipment/land for this many, and in my spirit I would hear sometimes, bigger....than a pastor I met that did not even know me, said think big, than another person came by and said we serve a big God, and nothing is impossible for Him. Don't put limits on God, instead pray for His will and as big as He wants, He is God. Sometimes I think we forget how big of a God we serve. Be careful how you think to, for He may just bring what you were thinking about. I remember thinking about 8 years ago how do ministries write those newsletters and get the Word out there, well so He had me do it. This is a example; I had a small 3.1 computer and a simple printer, so He lead me to start writing, the newsletter was called; "Shut in not Shut out 2" was born. At first I made 25 copies per month (so see writing everyday is new to me), it took me a month to write, a maximum of a 5 page newsletter and than I hand addressed the envelopes or delivered the newsletter by hand to some, I felt that the handwriting on the envelopes made it more personal as in a newsletter from Him to them. Than a co worker at work was reading the newsletter, as I could only pass them out at work, before work, at breaks, or after work....and I worked in a hospital. So this co worker said may I have a couple of copies I go sure. She came back the next day and wanted ten more, so I told her I had to go home and print them, than the Chaplain dept. said may I read your newsletter, so I gave them a copy, so than they wanted copies for the chaplain, and a extra one for the convent. So than I am delivering something to a dept. and this woman said I am such and such from assisted living may I have a copy of the newsletter for our chaplain, to read to the patients.....I am going, oh sure, and I thought ok this is God....so the second month was 50 copies, in the mean time employee's started coming up and saying well so and so let me read your newsletter and could you please add me to your mailing list, so I go ok, so than I was doing a Bible study at assisted living and they wanted ten copies per month which increased to 25 (assisted living can only have 60 beds). So than I was talking to my admin. Friend whom ran a assisted living and she said could you send us some copies on the mailing list, I go ok sure. Than I would go into a patients room, and they would say someone gave me your newsletter to read, because I had nothing to read, could you please put my name on your mailing list. I than had a recruiter at the hospital come up and ask if I would please send a copy to their office once a month for the troops. I am thinking ok, what in the world is going on?? So I am just shaking my head....the first month was 25; the next 50, than next month was 100, than 150, than 200 and it went up to 700 and up within 6 months. I thought well this is all God for it is certainly not me, and I had mailings all over the United States. I used to pray before I started writing and at first I said but God I don't know how to do this what do I write? I heard a voice say pray before you start and pray when you finish, and the Words would come. I prayed for my computer, I prayed for my printer, than I prayed for toner and stamps. Printing for 700 took me almost 5 days it was a new printer but a small one, and usually when I printed 100 copies or so I had to stop, because the printer would shut down, to cool off. I prayed and asked for a new computer as mine was 3.1 and than I prayed for a printer, and each time the load increased and I needed more bytes on computers or printer, He sent one. The postage, came some bought stamps...He provided for all of it, that printer though until He sent me a new one lasted well over 5 years, than I blessed someone with it, and they were still using it a year or more later. I also blessed someone with the old computer....so the point is don't put limits on God when you do you stop His purpose the flow. I was getting stressed at work with the overtime, and going to college and than the newsletter than also doing a Bible study in assisted living. So he delivered me from my job, the hospital closed and we were laid off, so I managed to get everyone's address and still sent the newsletter....I was offered in visiting way to do a pastor job part time, in a seed church, but I misunderstood, and felt I was not ready, though they were feeling me out to see if I was interested, so I gave them a name of a interim pastor that did that. I felt I was not ready and did not want to embarrass God, not speaking well publicly.....so than things changed, when the Lord calls you to do something you need to do it, if you do not move forward to answer that call, everything else in your life will dry up.

I was enjoying what I was doing but I begin to think I sure am working a lot.....than wam.....my job as I said laid off but with my severance package and vacation time I had wages for two years. My parents started going down hill, so I went to take care of them, God allowed me to do that. I prayed and asked what can I lay aside to keep up? He had me put the newsletter on the shelf to hold it, than college it was time to switch to a four year college, but it became seminary (remember I said I did not feel I was ready to preach?) Well He made sure I got training. He had me notice that now there were three Bible studies at the assisted living, so I resigned from that. Mom passed away in 2002 and Dad in 2005, than my husband had a wreck hit a semi head on, than he went down hill for a time, got him back on his feet....in this time He started having me play around with the computer to learn things, most was hands on.....I can say His grace was how I did the newsletter and extra, for I sure did not know how and not much about computers, but when He is in it, the enabling is there, just I did not follow through on the last part, so He sent me for more training.....and today the past almost 7 years have been studying the Bible almost night and day. He sent someone to help with that process to. So when He is ready to move you forward into something new, do it....See I felt I was not ready, so He got more training for me...ouch...that smarted, me not thinking and knowing that the grace was already there, the enabling so He gave me what exactly I said, more training, and it has been almost 7 years.

We can only serve one master, and we cannot serve Him and our self. It has to be all Him. He also started cleaning the driftwood out of my life, the dead wood, and believe me it was a clean sweep. When God is finished with something, He is finished, so you might as well get finished with it to, otherwise you will be miserable trying to serve two masters. It may have been something you thoroughly enjoyed too. You cannot look back at what was lost either, you have to go forward. See God cannot do anything to your ministry until you set your heart fully and completely on what He has called you to do. When you are torn between the past and your future, you will not find peace of mind, so you will be making the same mistake others have done, if you try to press into the future while holding on to the past. So when God tells you to leave your country (comfort zone) and He says to get away from family and relatives and friends everything you know to go to a place that God would show you than you had better listen. This does not mean we must all leave our family members behind to serve God. God made families, if anything is wrong in the family though He expects us to get our house in order. God does not want anything from the past influencing us, we must let go of what lies behind and press on to what lies ahead. Do not remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing! (Isaiah 43:18,19). We want to hold on to the past and still go into the future, it is than we are being double minded and serving two masters. Let go of the past and embrace the good things God has ahead for you.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know you that the LORD he is God: it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Ps 95:7; Ezek 34:30-31;
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful to him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.

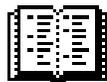
Psalm 100

Psa 119:105

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

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