



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord we know Your grace is sufficient for us, that Your strength and power are made perfect in our weaknesses. Fill us with Your grace to do what it is Your will for us to do. Help us to remain focused, in peace and calm. Bless us and keep us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

1 I wish that you would be patient with me in a little foolishness, but indeed you are being patient with me! **2** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy, because I promised you in marriage to one husband,¹ to present you as a pure² virgin to Christ. [Lev 21:13](#); **3** But I am afraid that¹ just as the serpent² deceived Eve by his treachery,³ your minds may be led astray⁴ from a sincere and pure⁵ devotion to Christ. [Gen 3:4](#); [John 8:44](#); **4** For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus different from the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit than the one you received, or a different gospel than the one you accepted, you put up with it well enough!^{note} [Gal 1:8](#); **5** For I consider myself not at all inferior to those “super-apostles.” **6** And even if I am unskilled in speaking, yet I am certainly not so in knowledge. Indeed, we have made this plain to you in everything in every way. **7** Or did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you could be exalted, because I proclaimed the gospel of God to you free of charge? [1Cor 9:12](#); **8** I robbed other churches by receiving support from them so that I could serve you! **9** When I was with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia fully supplied my needs. I kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. [Acts 20:33](#); [2Cor 12:13](#); [1Thess 2:9](#); [2Thess 3:8](#); [Phil 4:15](#); **10** As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of Achaia. **11** Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do! **12** And what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may eliminate any opportunity for those who want a chance to be regarded as our equals in the things they boast about. **13** For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. **14** And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is not surprising his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will correspond to their actions.

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16 I say again, let no one think that I am a fool. But if you do, then at least accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. **17** What I am saying with this boastful confidence I do not say the way the Lord would. Instead it is, as it were, foolishness. **18** Since many are boasting according to human standards, I too will boast. **2Cor 10:13; 2Cor 12:5-6; 19** For since you are so wise, you put up with fools gladly. **20** For you put up with it if someone makes slaves of you, if someone exploits you, if someone takes advantage of you, if someone behaves arrogantly toward you, if someone strikes you in the face. **21** (To my disgrace I must say that we were too weak for that!) But whatever anyone else dares to boast about (I am speaking foolishly), I also dare to boast about the same thing. **Phil 3:4; 22** Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. **Acts 22:3; 23** Are they servants of Christ? (I am talking like I am out of my mind!) I am even more so: with much greater labors, with far more imprisonments, with more severe beatings, facing death many times. **1Cor 15:10; Acts 9:16; Acts 21:11; 2Cor 6:4; 24** Five times I received from the Jews forty lashes less one. **Deut 25:3; 25** Three times I was beaten with a rod. Once I received a stoning. Three times I suffered shipwreck. A night and a day I spent adrift in the open sea. **Acts 16:22; Acts 14:19; Acts 27:9; Acts 27:41; 26** I have been on journeys many times, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from robbers, in dangers from my own countrymen, in dangers from Gentiles, in dangers in the city, in dangers in the wilderness, in dangers at sea, in dangers from false brothers, **27** in hard work and toil, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, many times without food, in cold and without enough clothing. **28** Apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxious concern for all the churches. **Acts 20:18; 29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not burn with indignation? **1Cor 8:13; 30** If I must boast, I will boast about the things that show my weakness. **31** The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is blessed forever, knows I am not lying. **Rom 1:9; Rom 9:1; 2Cor 1:23; Gal 1:20; Phil 1:8; 1Thess 2:5; 32** In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to arrest me, **Acts 9:24; 33** but I was let down in a rope-basket through a window in the city wall, and escaped his hands.

2 Corin. 11

Paul's apology for boasting; In parts of this chapter, Paul addresses the loyal majority, in other parts the disloyal minority in the church. The latter seem to be on his mind in the last four chapters. He realizes the unseemliness of boasting about himself, but they have forced him to it.

His opponents had been making capital out of the fact that he had refused to accept pay for his work in Corinth (vv. 7-9). He explains that, though as an apostle of Christ he had the right to accept pay (1 Corinthians 9), he nevertheless had purposely refused it lest his example be abused by false teachers who were seeking to make money off the church. From the beginning of his work in Corinth, Paul must have noticed tendencies toward greedy leadership in some of his converts, and so he acted accordingly. Now one of the things of which Paul could boast was that they could not accuse him of greed.

Then in a passage of dramatic power (vv. 22-23), he challenges his critics to compare themselves with him by every standard, both as a loyal Hebrew and as an effective worker for Christ, he had done more than all of them put together. And as for suffering for Christ, his whole career as a Christian apostle had been an unbroken story of living martyrdom. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, commentaries, notes, defines; page 795)

Paul's Trials.....In the Jewish culture, espousal was the period between engagement and marriage. It was the complete commitment of the couple to one another. However, the marriage wasn't consummated until the wedding ceremony had taken place. A friend of the groom was assigned to watch over the bride during the espousal period to assure her virginity until the wedding day. Paul here pictures himself as the friend of the Groom, Jesus Christ, and Paul desires to present the Church to Christ as a chaste bride. Satan uses half truths to beguile Eve when he tempted her to eat the forbidden fruit. Other teachers had come into the Corinthian Church and had introduced a gospel of works rather than the gospel as Paul had preached it. The Greeks highly prized graceful and eloquent speech. Some of the Corinthians had said that Paul wasn't a polished orator, but he said that he spoke with the authority of knowledge. Paul accepted a love offering from the Philippians church while he was living and ministering in Corinth. God will judge the false teachers who lead the sheep astray. Paul was reluctant to defend himself against the criticisms of those in Corinth who were against him, but felt compelled to protect the flock by establishing his authority. The 39 stripe beating, was enough to kill a man, Paul endured five such beatings for preaching the Gospel. Paul went through pain, torture, hunger, weariness, shipwreck, and dangerous journeys to carry the Gospel wherever Christ led him. In addition, Paul was concerned about all the churches.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; notes and commentaries; Chuck Smith; pages 95-96)

Don't let your minds be corrupted from "wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ"; the simplicity that is in Christ. Keep it simple, keep life as simple as possible. Have a plan for your life, but it has to be God's will and plan, but be open to following God's plan if He has another direction in which He wants you to go. We block God's plans by following our own fleshly desires and plans without consulting Him. God's plans for us are actually so simple that many times we miss them. We tend to look for something more complicated, or difficult or something we think we are expected to do to please God.....remember "His yoke is easy, His burden is light.." Jesus told us what to do to follow God's plan: believe ! We are to have a simple child light approach; keep it simple, enjoy the journey the pathway as well as the expected result. Believe what God told you, and trust him. Stay in the Word and meditate on it...(Amplified Bible; 2005; Scripture, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyers; pages 1903-1906)

DVD: It once meant drive, view, drive By Lori Borgman

You can hardly drive a mile of interstate or thoroughfare without seeing a portable DVD player dangling from the ceiling of a mini-van or strapped to the back of a passenger seat, little round faces basking in the flickering blue glow.

They didn't have portable DVD players when our children were young. I am loath to admit this, but when our children traveled in the car they actually had to, um, well, uh, well, they had to look out the windows.

There, I said it. No doubt this has adversely affected them and they will one day wind up in a therapist's office. Therapist: I see from your patient information sheet that family travel is the issue that brings you here. It says you were "Devoid of Disney." Is that right?

Grown child: Yes, that's correct. We traveled a lot when we were kids and we never watched "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin," "Lion King," "Lady and the Tramp," "Pocahontas" - any of the Disney classics - when we traveled.

Therapist: Am I to assume this travel was by covered wagon?

Grown child: No, it was by automobile. Early mini-van, before the DVD.

Therapist: So without a DVD player, what exactly did you children do in the car?

Grown child: Well, mostly we fought. You know - "she touched me, no, she touched me first. Don't look out my window. That's not your window, that's my window. He breathed on me. He has his finger in his nose" - that kind of thing.

Therapist: That must have been very painful.

Grown child: Only when you lost.

Therapist: What did your parents do when this fighting took place?

Grown child: Often they begged us to go to sleep. Once, when we were heading into St. Louis, they threatened to make us run laps around the arch. Most of the time Dad just kept driving, Mom would yell at us, and when she was completely fed up, she'd rustle around in a big old bag and pull out a great big -

Therapist: What? A great big paddle?

Grown child: No, a great big book called "Mind Joggers." We'd do mind games, mental math, break codes, do word puzzles, that kind of thing. Mom claims it's the reason we all scored well on the math part of the SAT.

Therapist: Any other activities?

Grown child: Sometimes we'd listen to music or sing songs. Mostly we were looking out the window."

Therapist: Talk about "looking out the window."

Grown child: We saw a lot of fields, corn, wheat, soybeans, endless ribbons of interstate, the Smoky Mountains, sunsets, Mt. Rushmore, thunderstorms, lightning bolts, old battlefields, all the Washington D.C. monuments, the New York harbor, rolling hills, strip malls, the Kansas Flint Hills, historic Savannah, back roads of the Appalachians."

The therapist dabs at a tear in the corner of his eye and begins scribbling on a small pad. "Writing a prescription for me?" the grown child asks. "Another appointment time?"

"This is my home number. Have your parents call next time they take a trip."

"You'd like to see how they operate for yourself?" "No, I'd like to send my kids with them."



Psa 119:105

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



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