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A CUP OF WATER

Jesus stood up in the temple and read out of the scroll of Isaiah. "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the suffering and afflicted. He has sent me to comfort the broken-hearted, to announce liberty to the captives and to open the eyes of the blind. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of God's favor to them has come." (Isaiah 61:1&2) Jesus did not mention salvation in that statement though He knew that to be the greater purpose of why he came. Everything Jesus did mention had to do with dealing with human suffering, people's immediate needs. In his ministry, outside of those who attacked him (Ex. Phariaees) Jesus usually dealt with the persons suffering, problem or immediate need first than he dealt with their salvation.

God has given me the opportunity to minister to many different people in my business. I could tell you dozens of stories of tragic and desperate situations. There seems to be a common thread in every situation to these people and myself finding the joy and peace that Jesus paid the price for them to have. When a person is going through a tragic or desperate situation, even the best of well wishing Christians have a difficult time after a few efforts to encourage a person. Possibly due to the fact that they do not know what to say or do. A person in a troubled situation unmaliciously, for lack of a better word, may suck the life out of the people around them. People start to avoid them it can become a vicious cycle. I believe that the answer lies in getting the troubled person to get the focus off themselves and their problems and to look for what they can do for others. Look for the opportunities to help someone, to encourage someone, tell them their hair looks nice, if it does, help them saw a board or carry their groceries or just listen or give someone a hug.

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A common problem is that people think that they have nothing to offer. They say, "I don't know the bible, I can't preach or I don't have money or time or something." I believe Jesus set the stage and set an example for us when he mentioned this passage from Isaiah. We can't save someone but we can minister to their needs, humanity. Jesus also gives us an example that anyone can start with. "And if, as my representatives you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded." Matthew 10:42 LB
Once we get our focus off ourselves and on what we can do to encourage others, we shine with the light of joy and peace and will draw others to it in us. {Continued, page 2.}

We get free and are able to talk to anyone anywhere, to joke with the checker in the store, the girl that cuts our hair, to encourage the people we work with or those who we might meet on the street. Instead of people avoiding us, God's life shining out of us will cause people to call out to us when we come by. "Hey, how are you doing buddy? Come stop and talk to us". Think on the tomato plant wilted in the dirt in the hot summer sun. It looks like it's destined to die, but if you have ever poured a bucket of water over one, it is truly amazing, in a very short few minutes the life returns and the plant is as strong as it ever was, standing tall in the heat of day. Think on this, if a bucket of water can do that to a tomato plant, just imagine what a cup of water can do in the hands of the Spirit of God. Don't underestimate the power of the most insignificant of acts of kindness and mercy. To a person who is in their most desperate hour it may well be the shining in of the light of God that gives them the strength to stay alive. Let's follow the example of the greatest servant of all, our Lord. He came to serve others and thought not of his of life, but how his life could encourage and affect others.

P. J. Campise

Scripture illumination

I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy.

John 15:11 LB

These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

~~John 15:11 KJV~~

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11 NIV

I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.

John 15:11 AB

I have told you this so that you can share my joy, and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11 JBP

The words of Jesus Christ.

If you will do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as your trust in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 LB

And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 KJV

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 NIV

And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 AB

And the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 JBP

LOVE

What does it look like?
It has hands to help others.
It has feet to hasten
to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery
and want.
It has ears to hear the
sighs and sorrows of
the people.
That is what love looks like.

St. Augustine

God takes the bad things that Satan used in our lives to steal, kill, and destroy. He takes out the dirt and the hurt, He takes out the guilt and the shame. He gives it back to us as a weapon against Satan in JESUS' name. God says these things can never hurt us again so we can help others by remembering where we've been.

Buddy Nelson Prison Ministries
January 29, 1989

FOOD FOR POSITIVE THINKING HIGH IN VITAMIN C-HRIST

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Proverbs 23:7 KJV

THE ENEMIES

1. Dwelling on the past
2. Being tormented about the present.
3. Worrying about the future.

The answer is in Jesus.

1. Control your thoughts (the mind of Christ)
2. Living on the word. {be a doer}
3. Confidence and trust in God and his word. He will come through.

If you don't get what you want, it is because God has something better for you.

If you don't confront your pain, it will confront you.

Satan never tries to take anything from you that you don't already have.

Fear is faith in the devil.

Guilt tears you down but the Holy Spirit builds you up.

If you put your faith in things that are not of God's way they will drain you.

Impatience will cause you to miss hearing God.

You are in the right place or the battle would not be on.

Don't leave the battle field until you have joy in your heart.

BIBLE STUDY # 2. LIVING BIBLE

"God gives those who please him wisdom, knowledge and joy."
Ecclesiastes 2:26 LB.

PART 1.

PSALMS 1:1 TO 3
JEREMIAH 17:7 & 8
ISAIAH 43:18 & 19
PSALMS 84:5

"He will encourage the fainthearted, those tempted to
despair. Isaiah 42:3 LB

PART 2.

ISAIAH 41:13
ROMANS 10:11
PSALMS 29:11
PLALMS 31:19

"These, the ransomed of the Lord, will go home along that
road to Zion, singing songs of everlasting joy. For them all
sorrow and all sighing will be gone forever, only joy and
gladness will be there." Isaiah 36:10 LB

PART 3.

PSALMS 126:5 & 6
REVELATION 7:17
REVELATION 21:4
ISAIAH 26:3
PSALMS 34:5
JOB 19:25

The Lord will be your everlasting light; your days of sorrow
will end. Isaiah 60:20 NIV

PART 4.

PLALMS 27:13
PROVERBS 11:31

I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly
great His power is to help those who believe Him.
Ephesians 1:19 LB



"I figure THE SON SHINE didn't
make the 2nd edition!"

The Way

Lord, how I love your peace.
So deep, so tranquil, based in such
serenity. The cares, the troubles
of my life drifting out and away
from me, into you, into your sea
of forgetfulness.

The Truth

Lord, how I love to rest in you.
So complete, so total, based in such
deep empathy, the pain, anxiety,
You lift them from deep inside of me.
weariness flows out of me,
as your rest floods all of me.

The Life

Lord, how I love your love.
So complete, so accepting, based in so
much giving. The loneliness and emptiness,
no longer are a part of me,
as the light of Jesus
floods my heart.

P. J. Campise



In this section you will find the words to a song by a featured Christian artist or group. The song is featured because the content is of an encouraging nature.

REACHING IN

Words are spoken. Hearts are broken. And life just rolls on by. Love is given. Then it's taken. And we're left to wonder why./ Oh, and I've lived more than I've learned. Taken more than I have earned. But I believe love can build more than this life can burn./ So when you break. So when you fall. Can't find the strength. To care at all. There is a way. There is a plan. If you'll reach out to Him. He'll be reaching in./ Life's always changing. But never asking. If change is alright with you. And sometimes the wrong way. Seems much like the right way. Are we wise. When it's our time to choose. Oh, will we change or just regret. Remember more than we forget. Oh, will we burn the candle 'til the wax is spent./ So when you break. So when you fall. Can't find the strength. To care at all. There is a way. There is a plan. If you'll reach out to Him. He'll be reaching in./ Life won't ever be perfect. We'll crawl more than we'll run. But strength isn't found in this life. But in His love./ So when you break. So when you fall. Can't find the strength. To care at all. There is a way. There is a plan. If you'll reach out to Him. He'll be reaching in

Cindy Morgan/A reason to live *

WANTED

Original sketches, art work, original writing of an encouraging nature. Must meet the following criteria: Christian nature, non-political. It is not our desire to engage in doctrinal disputes or particular denominational beliefs. All submitted writing should be non-manipulative in nature. Send to SUNRISE MINISTRIES

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