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Spiritual Warm Ups

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I will give thanks in all things for this is God's will for me.

I have been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me.

I do not have a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

My soul shall make it's boast in the Lord.

Will trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding.

I walk in love.

I am not easily offended.

I walk in forgiveness.

I put off my old man and put on the new man in Christ Jesus.

I walk by faith and not by sight.

God thank You for Your presence.

Thank You that You are in me and I am in You.

You have made me a new creation.

I am complete in You.

Thank You for a new heart.

Thank You for the mind of Christ.

I am dead to sin and alive to You.

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

You are the Vine and I am the branch.

All that is in You flows in and through me.

Thank You for Your love spread abroad in my heart.

Thank You that you are at work in me and You are faithful to complete that work.

I bless You Lord.

I forget not Your benefits.

You forgive my sins and heal my diseases.

Thank You for eternal life.

Thank You for mercy.

Thank You for grace.

Thank You that You never leave nor forsake me.

You are good.

You are faithful.

Your word is true, You cannot lie.

Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Your word is life and health to all my flesh.

Your truth and Your light lead me.

You are my exceeding joy.

You are my rock, my refuge, my deliverer.

My hope is in You.

You are my strength.

I exalt You.

You are the King of Kings.

You are the Lord of Lords.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

CHRISTA NEETHLING

This is what I dreamed about 3 or 4 weeks ago: THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

It is morning at school. I had a black top on (not properly dressed for school) The students were waiting in class (Home Room= Devotion time) already. A little haggard girl came in with toys, moaning about somebody's funeral and had with her little toys resembling a casket in a black car. She sat down at my desk (on the floor), just playing.

I knew I had to do something urgently. Taking her to the counselor. As I look up, while still in the classroom, her mother walked into the room. She looked emaciated and was moaning desperately. She had more children with her.. I knew I had to do something urgently before the bell goes for the school to start . I was still not dressed properly.

As I went to the counselor's office, it was a different set-up as I remembered. At first I did not see the women working there, because she was seated, having her own breakfast. Then I glanced into the room to see what was going on. It was dark, with a dim light shining on the lady who was eating. I saw two elderly patients (like a hospital setting in one corner) They were at heir end and in bed, receiving oxygen. Suddenly the counselor became aware of me, but did not call me over, just motioning for me to leave the room. As is I do not belong there. She sat down to further eat her breakfast - as if she thought that the mother and two children belonged to me (and she does not need to attend to them)The mother laid herself down on the couch, pulling my arm, begging me for food. First it was very faintly (meat pie, anything) I was not sure that we had stuff like that at the school. However, I was determined to get her a well-balanced breakfast. She was still wailing about her husband gone (in some tragedy - I just 'knew' that in he dream) The little one was still acting out the funeral procession on the floor.

My emotions in the dream: Upset, desperate to help, but while I promised the food, I knew that I do not know if I could that in this place (school), but I was determined to get it.

In the meantime, the women was still clinging to my hand, with a feeling of desperation . It looked like a drug issue (If I can describe the desperation that was coming from her. She seriously needed help)

In the dream, she did not seem too worried about her child. It was more about herself.

- **Now the whole scene was overcast, not like a morning scene, but rather an evening scene – Time is late for the Church**
 - **The experience was upsetting for me, because God used me and familiar things to paint the picture of where we are – We are busy with doing life. Some in the Body can see the overwhelming need out there, but due to life’s pressures and our own busy-ness, we are not at the place where we can provide to those who are still outside of the Kingdom.**
 - **People in leadership positions (think ‘counselor’) are oblivious, also caught up in their own things – My desperation as a representative of the body was palpable and so are there many that now suddenly are waking up to be ready to meet Jesus means, we must have an urgency to bring in the Harvest.**
 - **We have to stop being consumed by the needs of ‘self’, but being determined to obey Father’s call and finish the race. Accompanied by all He has given us to touch and being the conduit of the Holy Spirit.**
 - **The whole dream had an urgency mixed with the desperation that there are not enough people in the Body of Christ to fulfill His calling**
 - **Wake-up call. Firstly to me and then to those whom this speaks to.**
 - **We must clean out the leaven and ready our garments. And ‘take into our houses’ everyone that crosses our path, and reponds to the Word we speak and also live out.**
 - **We must banish selfishness and reach out to others.**
 - **This Passover, must resemble our Passover. We leave everything behind that stood in the way of us serving our Good, Good Father. It is late in the night.**
- God bless**

RYK NEETHLING

COMMUNION MESSAGE

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Ephesians 1:5

He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light

Romans 6 (AMP)

Believers Are Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say [to all this]? Should we continue in sin *and* practice sin as a habit so that [God's gift of] \square grace may increase *and* overflow? **2** Certainly not! How can we, the very ones who died to sin, *continue to* live in it any longer? **3** Or are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been \square baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory *and* power of the Father, we too might walk *habitually* in newness of life [abandoning our old ways]. **5** For if we have become one with Him [permanently united] in the likeness of His death, we will also certainly be [one with Him and share fully] *in the likeness* of His resurrection. **6** We know that our old \square self [our human nature without the Holy Spirit] was nailed to the cross with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin. **7** For the person who has died [with Christ] has been freed from [the power of] sin.

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live [together] with Him, ⁹ because we know [the self-evident truth] that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin [ending its power and paying the sinner's debt] once and for all; and the life that He lives, He lives to [glorify] God [in unbroken fellowship with Him]. ¹¹ Even so, consider yourselves to be dead to sin [and your relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts *and* passions. ¹³ Do not go on offering members of your body to sin as instruments of wickedness. But offer yourselves to God [in a decisive act] as those alive [raised] from the dead [to a new life], and your members [all of your abilities—sanctified, set apart] as instruments of righteousness [yielded] to God. ¹⁴ For sin will no longer be a master over you, since you are not under Law [as slaves], but under [unmerited] grace [as recipients of God's favor and mercy].

¹⁵ What then [are we to conclude]? Shall we sin because we are not under Law, but under [God's] grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that when you *continually* offer yourselves to someone to do his will, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey, either [slaves] of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness (right standing with God)? ¹⁷ But thank God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient with all your heart to the standard of teaching in which you were instructed *and* to which you were committed. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you have become the slaves of righteousness [of conformity to God's will and purpose]. ¹⁹ I am speaking in [familiar] human terms because of your natural limitations [your spiritual immaturity]. For just as you presented your bodily members as slaves to impurity and to [moral] lawlessness, leading to further lawlessness, so now offer your members [your abilities, your talents] as slaves to righteousness, leading to ²⁰ sanctification [that is, being set apart for God's purpose].

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness [you had no desire to conform to God's will]. ²¹ So what benefit did you get at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? [None!] For the outcome of those things is death! ²² But now since you have been set free from sin and have become [willing] slaves to God, you have your benefit, resulting in sanctification [being made holy and set apart for God's purpose], and the outcome [of this] is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; and when I awake, I am still with You.

2 Corinthians 12:10

“That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**”

MOSES' EXCUSES

- ▶ I'm not good at public speaking

"Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant..." Exodus 10:10

- ▶ Questioned himself.

Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" - Exodus 3:11

- ▶ No answers

"Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" - Exodus 3:13

- ▶ People won't believe me

"Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' " -Exodus 4:1

- ▶ I'm not qualified

"But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." -Exodus 4:13

Esther 4:16 NLT

"Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die."

Esther 4:14

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

7 points from this story

1. Reading of the Word can expose the enemy and defeat him, revealing truth
2. God can turn what the enemy intended for bad around for good and the Jews are no longer in that bondage, they are no longer going to be killed, but freed
3. Mordecai didn't bow down to Haman/idols/world and worship him/it
4. Esther had some fear, but pushed through and showed courage to meet the king even with the possibility of what could have been due to it being an offence
5. Esther had some selfishness she had to overcome
6. Esther asked for prayer
7. No matter where you're at, you can make a difference and have your own defining moments 'for such a time as this'

Romans 8:17

We wonder if we're worthy to come before Him, yet He already positioned us as His royal children.

"Now if we are His children, then we are His heirs..."

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

John 16:7 NLT

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

Romans 15:13 NLT

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Joshua 1:9

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

1 Timothy 4:14

“Do not neglect the gift that is in you”

Psalms 31:3

► For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.