

Monday, 14 February 2011

Psalm 57:1-3

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

Lord, we are certainly going through the wringer of adversity, trial and disappointment this week. It is a challenge to remember that You have called us to sow the seeds and till the soil but that You will give the growth. So, as this phase of our ministry draws to a close we will be called to ministry to Tasha in a new way but to carry the same message of Your love and forgiveness.

Tuesday, 15 February 2011

Psalm 57:4-6

My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts-- the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah

Lord, my prayer is for T and that she will cry out to You for salvation in her distress; that You will open her eyes to the futility of the path she has chosen and to the glories of the life available through You. Bless, her, Lord, let Your eyes shine upon her that she might be saved. What a great testimony that will be among the youth of Springfield.

Wednesday, 16 February 2011

Psalm 57:7-10

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

I know, Lord, that You are over all and that all things work together for the good of those who love You. Therefore I will not fret and worry, stew and fuss; You are in control and are managing this situation with T for Your glory and honor. Help me to leave it in Your hands and to not run ahead of You.

Thursday, 17 February 2011

Psalm 57:11

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

You are the Mighty One, the One who redeems, the One who restores, the One who heals, the One who nourishes, the One who delivers justice, the One who loves, the One who is the source of all goodness, the One who upholds the world and all that is in it, the One who is light, the one who is from everlasting to everlasting, the One who is and was and ever will be. You are the Christ the Son of the living God. You are my Lord, my Master and my brother. May Your praise be ever on my lips.

Friday, 18 February 2011

Psalm 58:1-2

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David. Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods? Do you judge the children of man uprightly? No, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth.

Lord, we see so many men in the prison who join us faithfully for worship and study but when released quickly revert to their old ways. What is missing in their transformation? Where are they not hearing the Word? Are we not conveying the proper message? Give us wisdom and

understanding.

Saturday, 19 February 2011

Psalms 58:3-8

The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies. They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear, so that it does not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter. O God, break the teeth in their mouths; tear out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD! Let them vanish like water that runs away; when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted. Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime, like the stillborn child who never sees the sun.

So many dear friends, trapped in lives of sin and deceit, perhaps coming faithfully to our studies and services within the prison, but yet with unrepentant hearts. *"having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power."* (2 Tim. 3:5) Bring that power, the fire of the Holy Spirit

Lord's Day, 20 February 2011

Psalms 119:73

Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Not just learn as by rote, but to learn with understanding and to know your commandments. This is appropriate as I set about the task of meditating on each aspect of the Law as a daily discipline. Guide me, Lord, give me wisdom and understanding and let that wisdom and understanding lead to obedience in all things.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms

February 14-20, 2011

Voices Together is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hopes that others will be encouraged to turn to the Psalms as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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