

Monday, 25 April 2011

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, (15) from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, (16) that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, (17) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, (19) and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (20) Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord, I have never seen this before, but this is a father's prayer for his family. Oh, that my children and grandchildren would be rooted and grounded in Your love, that they would know the expanse of that love, that they would be filled with Your fullness. And does this prayer not fall under the rubric of 'far more abundantly than all I can ask or imagine?' Can I not say, "Yes, Lord" and "Thank You, Lord" for Your mercy to my family. Praise You, Lord.

Tuesday, 26 April 2011

Psalm 70:1-3 In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

I know, Lord, that You are sufficient; that You are the Rock; that You are the Fortress; that Your righteousness is able to deliver and rescue me; that You are always listening for my every plea and every thanksgiving. You are Able, the great I AM. Praise You, LORD.

Wednesday, 27 April 2011

Psalm 70:4-8 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.

Lord, it seems that the work that needs to be finished in the few days is piling up faster than the work that is getting completed. Help me, Lord, give me guidance. Let me see what is unnecessary and unproductive. Show me where I need to be applying my efforts, where I need to focus and where need to ignore. Like that silly little song goes, I need You as my tugboat to steer me safely through all this.

Thursday, 28 April 2011

Psalm 70:9-13 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent. For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him." O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! (13) May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt.

Lord, it is the spirit of busyness that is compounding my life. Lots of busy things and stuff that provide excuses for not concentrating on what I know to be Your priorities. I need a reality check from the Holy Spirit to help me to learn to look at each task in its proper sequence; to be able to set aside work that is not necessary to be done at this time but is very fascinating and complete those tasks that need to be done now but may seem very mundane or less interesting.

Friday, 29 April 2011

Psalm 70:14-16 But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

My hope is in You, Lord, my hope is in You and You alone!
How can I boast of my own accomplishments when I have none? But I do! Lord, it is Your grace and mercy, it is Your love, it is Your wisdom and guidance, it is Your mind as the Spirit works in and through me, it is You, Lord, it is You.

Saturday, 30 April 2011

Psalm 70:17-21 O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

Here I am, Lord, to do Your bidding in declaring Your might and power to the next generations. Gray hair certainly, but You have called me to be a witness to the two following generations, especially those at risk, those whom have fallen into society's disfavor. Help me to lay this out, to plan to move forward in this task, to focus on going to the Jerusalem that You have set before me. that it should be the legacy of my life in You.

Lord's Day, 1 May 2011

Psalm 119:162 I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.

Great spoil brings to mind the booty to be garnered after a battle and this is indeed so. The battle is to transform my heart from a scene of wickedness and depravity to a garden of Your delights. The great spoil is life lived in Your presence according to Your will.

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