

Monday, 25 July 2011

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. (15) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. (16) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

How appropriate, Lord, for what we are going through in the prison. There needs to be fruit, evidence of the transforming power of Your salvation. You have been through the trials that these men are facing, You know what it is to face a chief of security who taunts You and who delights in making his victim lose his temper. Lord, it is not that my brother lost his temper and blew up, it is that when he told us about the incident, he was proud that he had stood up for his rights.

Help us, Lord, to carry the message to Your Church within the prison, that there must be fruit, that they must come to You in repentance when they yield to the taunts and to the abuse; to carry the message that You will strengthen them and guide them through these fiery furnaces.

Tuesday, 26 July 2011

Psalm 86:1-5

A Prayer of David. Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you--you are my God. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Lord, I am going through a period of hurt feelings and wounded pride, afflicted with a desire for recognition for who I am and for what I can contribute, a sense that I am not appreciated. Help me, Lord, to be concerned only for

You, for Your glory and honor, not my own. Forgive me for allowing my ego to direct my attempts at ministry, restore me, O God and let your face shine that I may be saved.

Wednesday, 27 July 2011

Psalm 86:6-10

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Hear my plea for transformation, lead me in the way I must go. I must carry the Good News to the darkest corners and that begins with my family. [All the way my Savior leads me/What have I to ask beside?/Can I doubt His tender mercy,/Who through life has been my Guide?]

Thursday, 28 July 2011

Psalm 86:11-13

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Lord, You have called me to be support to certain individuals, to teach and lead them in Your truth and to encourage them to lead and teach others. Thank You for this calling. Keep me in a state of humility and filled with Your praises. Let my mouth be every filled with Your praise and with the telling of Your wondrous works. Fill me to overflowing, Lord. Praise Your Holy Name.

Friday, 29 July 2011

Psalm 86:14-17

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. (15) But

you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. (16) Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant. (17) Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

O, Lord, the most precious presents that I could ask on my birthday would be the salvation of my children and grandchildren; that they would come to know You; to cherish You and Your Kingdom. Bless them, Lord, bless them.

Saturday, 30 July 2011

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

I am to **BE** Your witness, not to go witnessing but to **BE!**
My call is to live out my life as Your disciple, in all things, in every way, all places and with all people, in word and deed.

Lord's Day, 31 July 2011

Psalms 119:101

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

Amazing, Lord, for it is Your word and Your Spirit that enables me to recognize those evil ways and then provides the ability to hold my feet back from the ways of sin and evil. My only recourse is to submit to Your leading and be obedient to Your voice; if I add my own little twists and turns, I am off the Path and have lost my way. Praise You.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms

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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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