Monday, 24 December 2012

Psalm 29:10-11

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

O, Lord, there is no other source of strength and peace except through You. It comes as a flood to those who seek your face. Thank You for the flood that covered our young friend yesterday, may she continue to soak in it and enjoy the healing of her soul. Praise You, Lord.

Tuesday, 25 December 2012

Hebrews 12:3-11

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Lord, how do I recognize the difference between discipline and the normal vicissitudes of life? Lead me to an understanding today.

Lord, I think I am beginning to understand that the trials are those challenges that flow through life, some major and very serious, but many just the everyday ins and outs of life. You use each of these to instruct me into a life of faith and trust in You.

The world watches my response so that a major part of my testimony is that transformation into one who relies on You in all circumstances. Help me. Lord, to maintain that witness.

Wednesday, 26 December 2012

Psalm 30:1-3

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Lord, You have set me in a wide and spacious place, a land flowing with milk and honey for like the children of Israel You have brought me across the Jordan into the Promised Land. The land of the Kingdom of Heaven, a land of righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Praise You, my Lord, my Master, my brother.

Thursday, 27 December 2012 Psalm 30:4-7

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

Yes, Lord, there are many times when I need correction and redirection. You in Your mercy and love, send that to me in the form of trials to anneal my faith in You. Help me to recognize Your hand and praise you for the love displayed in the chastening.

Friday, 28 December 2012

Psalm 30:8-10

To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

You could have left me in to wallow in the filth and mire that I had chosen as my way of life, that life of self-righteous anger. But You saw, before time began, that I was to be rescued and lifted up, washed and restored, to walk on the King's Highway glorifying and praising You. Thank You, Lord, praise to Your holy name.

Saturday, 29 December 2012 Psalm 30:11-12

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

You have indeed filled my heart with the righteousness, peace and joy that is life in the Kingdom. May every moment of my life reflect that transformation, the new being that I have become in You. May every action of my life reflect that love and mercy that has been given to me. May every word I speak point others to the gift of life that you offer. May my life be a life of obedience to Your word. Praise to You, my Lord and Master.

Lord's Day, 30 December 2012 Psalm 119:139

My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

My foe is self and I am not sure that forgetfulness is appropriate here so much as willfulness and stubbornness, down right rebellion. And yet, in my heart, there is a zeal to be obedient, a hunger for Your presence, but it is weak and flags against the onslaught of my pride. Help me, Lord Jesus, help Your child.

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