

Monday, 31 December 2012

2 Corinthians 11:22-23

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one--I am talking like a madman--with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

Lord, all the indignities that Paul suffered for Your sake, and I grumble about some minor problem such as lack of gratitude on the part of someone I have served? Ridiculous! When will I learn to rejoice that I could suffer for Your Name?

Tuesday, 1 January 2013

Psalm 31:1-2

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

Here I am, Lord, in a hospital bed, surrounded by nurses, aides and lab techs. All sent by You to minister to me. I wonder how many realize that they are Your messengers of mercy? That they have the privilege on ministering to an Ambassador of the Kingdom of Heaven? A member of the royal priesthood? A child of God? Praise You, thank You, Your goodness knows no bounds.

Wednesday, 2 January 2013

Psalm 31:3-5

For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your

hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Lord, living with a heart that is not quite right, misfiring and not moving the blood as efficiently as You designed, is teaching me to depend on You for all my peace and contentment. I am learning a little more of the vastness of Your faithfulness and love for me. Praise You, the LORD God Almighty.

Thursday, 3 January 2013

Psalm 31:6-8

I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

Lord, the promises inherent here; that You know the difficulties that I face and walk before me, providing a sure guide and filling my soul with Your peace. Even though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, You are with me, Your rod and staff comfort me.

Friday, 4 January 2013

Psalm 31:9-13

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many--terror on every side!-- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

Lord, my two young charges are in trouble, one denying You and Your transformation, the other struggling with her faith and obedience to Your word. Help Betty and me as we mentor them and guide them into a knowledge of Your saving grace. It is heartbreaking to watch them destroy themselves because they refuse to trust You with their lives, desiring the fleshpots of Egypt to the milk and honey of the promised land.

Saturday, 5 January 2013

Psalm 31:14-18

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love! O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol. Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

It is good, my Lord, that we know that through all this turmoil and drama, that You are guiding Betty and me, that we have Your favor, that Your promises and yes and amen. Praise You, my Lord and Savior, the Christ, the Son of the Living God who gave His life for me. You are indeed the True and Faithful One.

Lord's Day, 6 January 2013

Psalm 119:145

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes.

Lord, heal my friend, release him from that migraine, restore him to health, bless him this morning

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