

Monday, 20 October 2014

*2 Timothy 4:14-17*

*Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.*

Lord, as You stood by Paul through all manner of trials from opposition by a pagan to desertion by friends, so You will stand with me. However, as with Paul, I must be single-minded in my determination to present the Gospel. Keep me focused, Lord.

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*Psalm 116:1-2*

*I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

These verses speak to me of Your constancy, Lord. You never leave me nor forsake me; I am the wandering, forgetful one. How often do I fight with a problem before finally admitting I need Your help and guidance. Why can't I start by laying the situation out before You and seeking Your wisdom?

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Wednesday, 22 October 2014

*Psalm 116:3-4*

*The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"*

Another way of saying I have to hit bottom before I am willing to look up. A lesson to be learned and relearned.

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Thursday, 23 October 2014

*Psalm 116:5-11*

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted"; I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."*

Lord, You deal bountifully with me even when I am discouraged and wonder where You are in my life. Even when I feel deserted, You are still there delivering me from death, drying the tears from my eyes and making sure that I do not stumble. Another example of "Trust Me, I am the Lord."

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Friday, 24 October 2014

*Psalm 116:12-17*

*What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.*

What do You ask of me in return? "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." I vowed at my baptism to live in obedience to You but have wavered in my walk. Lord, it is my desire to die to sin and live to You

before all Your saints.

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*Saturday, 25 October 2014*

*Psalm 116:18-19*

*I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!*

I **must** pay my vows to You in the presence of Your saints. I **must** live according to Your Word before Your saints. I **will** be an obedient son in all aspects of my life. Praise You, my Lord, my Savior and my Intercessor.

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*Lord's Day, 26 October 2014*

*Psalm 119:9*

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.*

Young men, old men, all men! Every thought, every action, all things need to be measured against the infallible Word. And to do that I must have Your Word stored in my heart, a plumb line that is always ready to divide the Kingdom of God from the kingdom of man.

## *VOICES TOGETHER*

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