

I would have lost heart,
unless I had believed
That I would see the
goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.

Psalm 27:13



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Prayer Support

First Monday of each Month
PRAYER SUPPORT
Next Meeting is June 1st
6:30 to 8:00 pm

Karen Dyson will share her
journey with her Prodigal

RIVER OAKS CHURCH
CLEMMONS, NC

Meet in Room #4 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Currently studying
The Bondage Breaker
by Neil T. Anderson

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

All Meetings postponed
until further notice

Ladies Bible Study

NO CURRENT MEETINGS

SAVE THE DATE

for Fall Retreat....October 2-4
"Whispers of God's Love"

A Time of Consecration

"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you" Joshua 3:5.

So much seems to be going through my head during this season we find ourselves in. I am staying in His Word in order to hear His instructions and guidance for these days. God is always at work and I know that He is working in this shut down of life as normal. My question is: "What am I to learn from this Lord"?

I ran across a picture of the fawn that I shared about in September. The verse I shared was from 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting the whole of your care—all your anxieties; all of your worries, all your concerns, once and for all---on Him; for He cares for you affectionately, and cares about you watchfully". Boy do I need to hear that right now as the world seems to be topsy turvy.

My prayer in that article was: "Lord, help me to cast (fling) all my cares on you, everything that concerns me in my family, church, and ministry. May I remember how You care for me and love me. Help me remember Your promises to hold me by my right hand as you walk beside me. Thank you for Your safe shelter and the reminder that just like the fawn I need not fear for I am safe in Your arms. Thank you for being watchful over me and my loved ones. Thank you that I can cry out to you with assurance that You will come to my rescue with speed. Help me to always wait, trust, and rest in You. Amen".

I thank God for this prayer that remains appropriate for this time and I just prayed it back to Him as I rewrote it. Waiting and resting is something that is hard for me and maybe for you. We have more time now to rest in Him, read, do those chores that we have been putting off, and if possible, have more contact with family and friends through technology.

But I believe God's main objective is to give us a time to consecrate ourselves unto Him in preparation for both the future work He wants us to accomplish and in preparation for His return so that He will find us dressed in our gown of purity, holiness, blamelessness, instead of our filthy rags.

Take time today to repent when He shows you something you need to deal with, return to Him with all your heart and soul, and humble yourself before Him. There may be an attitude, a wrong word, a wrong motive, a stronghold that His Spirit reveals to you. Immediately ask His forgiveness, asking Him to pull out anything not of Him from your heart and give you a clean heart. This is the act of consecration. Ask God what you need to do to make yourself ready for Him in this season.

~ Sandra



A Joyful Noise

by Louie Giglio from
How Great is our God

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout
aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Psalm 95:1 NIV

Are birds born knowing how to sing? Actually, no. Unlike cats that are born knowing how to meow and dogs that know how to bark, birds have to learn their songs. They learn by listening to their mom, dad, and other birds. And it takes a lot of practice. Some of their songs are pretty complicated!

So why do birds sing? It's not really for conversation. Birds use single "words," or calls, for things like warning other birds of danger, telling where to find food, and simply saying hello. But when it comes to their full songs, it turns out birds sing for a lot of reasons! If you hear a bird singing in North America and Europe, it's probably a boy bird — and he's usually singing to impress a girl (or maybe warn another guy to stay away). But if you live in Australia or the tropics, that bird you hear singing is probably a girl, and she's usually putting on a show. But sometimes birds sing when they're all alone. Why? Scientists think it's for the same reason we do — just for the pure joy of singing.

God has given you so many things to be thankful for — the wonders of His creation, the blessings of people who love you, the beauty of birdsong. It's enough to fill your heart with song, so why not sing out a few praises? Don't worry about how you sound or if the notes are just right.

Sing just for the pure joy of praising the One who gives you so many reasons to sing.

The mockingbird is known for its singing. The male mockingbird sings more often than the female and can make up to 200 different noises. It's called a mockingbird for its ability to "mock" or imitate other sounds — from the songs and chirps of other birds to a cat's meow to a car alarm

Lord, put a new song in my heart and mouth today — a song of praise to You!

Taken from Devotionals Daily



Prayer Thoughts

HELPLESS WITHOUT HIM

*"I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me."
John 5:30, NKJV*

Have you wondered, in agony, why God is doing what He's doing? Why He has delayed answering your prayer? Have you reacted to the delay by trying to help Him out and speed things up? Have you turned to . . . a doctor, a lawyer, a counselor, a friend, pop psychology, a neighbor's sympathetic ear, or a popular TV talk show? Have you resorted to threats or bargaining or manipulation until you're totally exhausted? Have you come to the absolute end of your rope?

One reason God may be delaying His answer to your prayer and postponing His intervention in your situation is to bring you to the end of your own resources. Sometimes God waits in order to allow us time to exhaust every other avenue of help until we finally realize without any doubt or reservation that we are totally helpless without Him.



Taken from Joy of My Heart by Anne Graham Lotz



Thank You!

We want to thank Janet Linville for all her faithful
contributions to the newsletter!!! * * *



Enduring Prayers



*May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up
of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2*

Prayers are deathless." These are the attention-grabbing words of E. M. Bounds (1835-1913), whose classic writings on prayer have inspired people for generations. His comments about the power and enduring nature of our prayers continue with these words: "The lips that uttered them may be closed to death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them and prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; they outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world. Have you ever wondered if your prayers—particularly those birthed out of difficulty, pain, and suffering—ever make it to God? The insightful words from Bounds remind us of the significance of our prayers and so does Revelation 8:1-5. The setting is heaven (v. 1), the throne room of God and the control center of the universe. Angelic attendants stand in God's presence (v. 2) and one angel, like the priests of old, offers Him incense along with the prayers of "all God's people" (v. 3). How eye-opening and encouraging to have this picture of the prayers offered on earth rising to God in heaven (v. 4). When we think that our prayers may have been lost in transit or forgotten, what we see here comforts us and compels us to persist in our praying, for our prayers are precious to God!

Taken from Our Daily Bread