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# TIDINGS

CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HOLY CHURCH

## Faith Over Fear

### Trusting in His Promises

In my sanctified life, God has shown Himself to me in ways I never thought possible. One specific time about two years ago I started dealing with something that caused me to have a lot of doubt. It came out of nowhere, and I didn't know why I was dealing with it. During the time of waiting for an answer to my prayers, God would give me songs and verses to give me a little more faith and a little more courage.

"In this age of confusion,  
disillusion ev'rywhere,  
It's hard to find true peace  
there's of mind or someone  
who really cares,  
I have put my trust in Jesus,  
He's like no other man I know,  
His Word is true, He's gonna  
see me through, I believe  
Jesus."  
(I Believe Jesus)

"It may seem  
God does not hear you  
and withholds the gift you seek,  
Then just learn to trust His silence  
when the Father does not speak;  
Let your heart new courage  
borrow, for His promises are true;  
Joy will sure to you be given,  
He'll take you thru,  
He'll take you thru."  
(He'll Take You Through)

"And he said unto me,  
My grace is sufficient  
for thee: for my  
strength is made  
perfect in weakness.  
Most gladly therefore  
will I rather glory in  
my infirmities, that  
the power of Christ  
may rest upon me."  
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

Over time, this situation continued to weigh heavy on my heart, and at Greensboro Feastmeeting last year I went to the altar to pray for assurance that I was sanctified. I got that assurance as soon as I knelt at the altar, and I just felt a peace in my heart. I still didn't understand the situation I was dealing with, but God gave me a clear answer about two days after feastmeeting. The whole time I was battling with this burden, God was working with another sister in Christ who dealt with the same thing I was dealing with. When that was shared, I knew that this was the answer to my prayers. I never imagined that it would have worked out in the way that it did, but God knew the whole time. He was preparing me during that time and built my faith up through the struggles. If I could emphasize anything, it would be that God is a righteous God, and He knows exactly how to get someone through a situation. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us if we continue to cling to Him and stay in His will. God continues to give me songs and comfort through the scriptures whenever I'm in my head about something. He is the answer to everything, and He has taught me to rest in His promises and presence over my own feelings. If you do not know Him today, the best decision you will ever make is to serve Him with all your heart. He will take you through.

"We have a heavenly Father above,  
With eyes full of mercy, and a heart full of love;  
He really cares when your head is bowed low,  
Consider the lilies, and then you will know."  
(Consider The Lilies)

"The Lord is not slack concerning his  
promise, as some men count slackness;  
but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing  
that any should perish, but that all should  
come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

- Sis. Anna Kate Simons

## Songs of the Season

We asked several young members of our church to share favorite song lyrics, and sprinkled throughout this edition are their responses.

"Many times Satan  
whispered,  
'There is no need to try,  
For there's no end of  
sorrow  
There's no hope by and  
by;'  
But I know Thou art  
with me,  
And tomorrow I'll rise,  
Where the storms never  
darken the skies."  
(Til the Storm Passes  
Over)

- Submitted by Sis.  
Anna Kate Simons

"Heartaches,  
broken pieces,  
ruined lives Are  
why you died on  
Calvary;  
Your touch was  
what I longed for,  
You have given life  
to me."  
(I Will Serve Thee)

- Submitted by Bro.  
Gray Mustin

# In Exchange for Fear

Personally, this past year has been exhilarating and scary – God has given me the blessing of starting a new job as a mental health therapist and because of this, I’ve become much more familiar with a clinical perspective of emotions. In my very limited experience within that lens, I’ve found that fear is an emotion that easily becomes a clinical concern and can fuel many other areas of emotional turmoil, no matter the validity of the fear itself.

I worked with one patient who experienced significant fear about his upstairs toilet overflowing. It had overflowed before, so every night, he would struggle to fall asleep, struggle to put his mind at ease, struggle to rest, because what if it happened again? To quell this unease, he would get out of bed, go upstairs, and check to ensure that the toilet was not, in fact, overflowing or running at all. But what if he had seen it wrong? What if he hadn’t been diligent enough in his inspection? So to make sure, he would check again, and after that, he would check another time. The idea of having water damage twice was so unacceptable that he couldn’t let it happen, even if it came at the cost of a full night’s rest.

The treatment for this scenario was not to problem-solve a more efficient method of checking the bathroom, or asking family members to help in shifts in his nightly role of vigilance. The treatment was that he was no longer allowed to check the flowing status of the upstairs toilet. He had to lay in bed at night and sit with the uncertainty that yes, it might overflow again. The purpose of this was to show him that an overflown toilet can be handled. It can be cleaned; it can be replaced. The possibility, the fear, is not in fact worth sacrificing your rest for.

Distinctly different than physical rest for the body is a singular and significant rest that God offers. It’s not just a peace of mind when trying to sleep at night, but an undercurrent of calm waters in the soul, *“springing up into everlasting life”* (John 4:14). This rest is never worth sacrificing, no matter the fear or the feeling.

When it says that God made man *“in His own image,”* I believe that this is referring, at least in great part, to our emotional experience of life (Genesis 1:27).

We have an extensive record of God’s anger, Exodus says that God’s *“name is Jealous,”* specifying that He is *“a jealous God,”* and Ephesians instructs us to *“grieve not the holy Spirit of God,”* implying that God can be grieved by our choices (Exodus 34:14; Ephesians 4:30). I think this means sorrow, hurt, pain, and a deep understanding of loss. The scriptures also say that *“God is love,”* and from this verse and my own relationship with Him, I can confidently say that joy, compassion, empathy (Psalms tells us *“His understanding is infinite”*), and a tender kindness are things that only flow as part of Him (1 John 4:8; Psalms 147:5). I believe that we experience the magnitude of the emotional spectrum to allow us to understand something of God’s great heart.

Interestingly, I don’t see any record in the scriptures of God experiencing fear until we have record of Jesus, when the *“Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14). From this, I understand that fear is uniquely human, while rest is uniquely divine. *“There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked”* (Isaiah 57:21), but *“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God”* (Isaiah 57:21; Hebrews 4:9). These two exist at odds with one another. Juxtaposed in the Garden of Gethsemane was Jesus, sweating *“as it were great drops of blood,”* and the disciples, not able to watch with Him an hour, sleeping just a stone’s cast away (Luke 22:44). Jesus knew what was to come, and I believe He felt afraid. The disciples didn’t, and clearly not panicked or anxious or fearful, they fell asleep in the presence of Jesus. I can’t entirely blame them; what a striking sense of safety they must’ve felt, even if they were entirely ignorant of what the next hour would bring. I know that the disciples were instructed to watch and pray that night because of what was to come, but that scene in the garden acts as a beautiful foreshadowing of a spiritual truth we have today, Jesus now having fully finished His work. I don’t know about tomorrow, and if there is a worry, if there is a concern, if there is any fear, I want to sleep in the garden while Jesus intercedes. *“Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows”* (Isaiah 53:4). So He’ll bear your burdens, He’ll help you carry your cross, He’ll certainly hold your hand. He offers *“beauty for ashes,”* life *“more abundantly,”* and something I’ve been especially thankful for this year – rest, in exchange for all my fears. (Isaiah 61:3; John 10:10).

*“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*  
(2 Timothy 1:7)

**-Bro. Ryan Collier**

“I can shout and sing and pray,  
and be happy all the day,  
And my soul delights to stay in  
this land.”

(Letters From My Father)

“They were battlefields of  
my own making,  
I didn’t know that the war  
had been won.”

(It Is Finished)

“And the path that be my portion,  
May be thru the flame or flood,  
But His presence goes before me,  
And I’m covered by His blood.”

(I Know Who Holds Tomorrow)

**- Submitted by  
Cameron McCarty**

# The Devil is Unyielding and Unprejudiced

The devil is unyielding and unprejudiced. He does not care who he hits, and nobody is immune to anything he can offer. It doesn't matter how you've grown up or where you live, Satan will close his eyes and shoot his arrow with whatever scheme he can come up with, even something you could never imagine yourself falling prey to, and see who he hits this time. I was very lonely and confused at one point in my life, and those who are lonely and confused are the devil's favorite because they will believe just about anything you tell them so long as it promises some level of belonging or comfort. I've been there and I remember it down to the finest details. Thankfully for us, God is just as unyielding as Satan, but He does not shoot with his eyes closed. He hand picks you and calls you to Him now, His eyes wide open, seeing you in full and loving you completely. When you fall to the ground, you will find that you are in the palm of God's hand, and once you take a moment to look outside of yourself you will find that you weren't so alone after all. If you are lonely and seeking someone who understands, look no further than the God who loves you, and would give His life to save you.

- Sis. Emmy Hagan

## To Trust God's Silence

Being in a relationship with God feels awesome. The peace, comfort, and love one can feel through it makes life incredible. This is not the case all the time, however. Trials, hard times, or simple apathy can make one feel as if God isn't there, or if they are doing something wrong. An example of one of these situations can be found in Mark 4:35-41. In this scripture, Jesus calls His disciples to journey with Him in a small ship over a body of water. As they are sailing over, they come across a great storm that threatens to sink the ship. At this point Jesus had promptly fallen asleep inside the boat, and was remaining unconscious throughout the storm. The disciples wake Him up, asking him if He even cared that they were about to die. Jesus immediately stills the storm, before questioning the disciples about their lack of faith.

This is a story of chastisement, a warning to not have a lack of faith; but it is also a story of comfort. It goes to show how even when we can't see it, or understand it, or even believe it, Jesus is still there, and He will still bring us safely to shore. It also shows the importance of faith. For even when we can't bear our own burdens, when we are sinking from the waves of life, Jesus in His power will hold us up. All we have to do is ask, not in doubt but in faith, for Him to help us, and He will.

- Bro. Samuel Copeland

"There is sunshine in my soul today, more glorious and bright than flows in any earthly sky, for Jesus is my light".  
(There is Sunshine in My Soul)

"He never leaves me lonely,  
Whispers, O so kind:  
"I will never leave Thee,  
Jesus is mine."  
(Constantly Abiding)

"Burdens oppressed me, sorrows  
distressed me,  
Then Jesus taught me how to smile.  
You taught me how to sing through  
shadows,  
Jesus, You taught me how to smile."  
(Jesus Taught Me How To Smile)

- Submitted by Bro. Aaron Price



"My sin - O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!"  
(It Is Well with My Soul)

- Submitted by  
Bro. Adam Spencer

"A rugged cross became His throne  
His kingdom was in hearts alone  
He wrote His love in crimson red  
And He wore the thorns upon His head."  
(A Rugged Cross)

- Submitted by  
Sis. Sydney Cross

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"Could my tears forever flow,  
Could my zeal no languor know,  
These for sins could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone;  
In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling."  
(Rock of Ages)

- Submitted by Sis. Eva Collier