

**Miracles that follow the plow :: Please pray for me****Please pray for me - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/18 0:45**

I need prayers. It seems that God wants to test me and it may likely be for years. It has already started for some time and it's almost more than I can bear. Previously there have been lucid moments where I feel normal and therefore can rest but I don't know whether I will have these moments. I guess He will still give me moments of normality during these times.

I sincerely and desperately need prayers especially long term ones. Thanks.

Learn (Geraldine)

Re: Please pray for me - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2012/8/18 0:53

My wife and I are praying for you, Geraldine. Be encouraged.

Re: Please pray for me - posted by Miccah (), on: 2012/8/18 1:16

praying

Re: Please pray for me, on: 2012/8/18 2:32

Dear Sister, are you sure that you can say with certainty that this is 'from' GOD and that He may be doing this still, "likely for years"?

I surely have and will be praying in earnest for you and for as long as it takes for the sun/Son to Shine in your life again.

Please be open to His Light and His Great Love to break through what you may only think is 'from' Him and something that you must merely resign yourself to.

Our GOD is an Awesome GOD and an extremely Good and Merciful and Tender Shepherd of His dear Sheep.

Praying for you for a break-through! Praying that messages of Hope come your way, Sister. The 'Peace be still' types of Scriptures and messages.

Have mercy, LORD. Shed Your Light & Love, in Jesus' Name.

Re: , on: 2012/8/18 2:48

Will pray for sure.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/18 7:43

Post reedited

Thank you everyone. You have no idea what your prayers mean to me. Was crying and groaning in the spirit reading through your posts. (actually have been doing that for weeks) Pls pray for wisdom and discernment too.

At least at this point I still think it's from God and maybe initially from the devil (something like Job)--honestly I really am confused as to the full meaning of what's going on. I do expect that this will go on for at least a year, most likely for sever

al years.

Re: , on: 2012/8/18 12:29

Oh Dear Sister, as soon as I read your last sentence, immediately there were tears in my stopped-up tear ducts. That's normally a reaction from His Spirit.

Just wanted to reach through and hug you in Spirit.

Sister, I'm stubborn when this happens and by that I mean that I refuse to give up and give in to what we 'think'.

A year maybe - but several yrs - I can't accept for you - I want to believe for what may seem like a miracle for you.

His Light and Love breaking through in a marvelous way.

Freedom in spirit, soul and body. Victory through-out - without and within.

When I can feel how much GOD loves someone and how He is grieving for them - I just have to believe that He doesn't want this suffering.

As on your thread about trials - some times it's Him and some times it's Not. We need The Body to pray that the Truth comes out of the remedy and fast and pray until it comes for you. You are Precious in His Sight and we believe that no weapon formed against shall prosper - In The Name of our most compassionate and merciful High Priest, Who is touched by our infirmities, because HE experienced them ALL while in the flesh.

GOD 'Bless' you Sister, in Jesus our GOOD Shepherd!!

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2012/8/18 13:11

I'm not in the best place myself that I can commit to praying for you longterm, but I have prayed and have asked the Lord to bring you to mind....life is so very hard....but know and feel the love of many here.....

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/19 15:29

Thank you mama27. That is very kind of you. I understand, LT is very difficult to commit. I hope your boys will ultimately turn to the Lord. I could not post in your thread for prayers seeing that in my current state, its pretty difficult for me to pray for others at this point in time. There are times when I am able to pray for others but many times now I can only pray or cry out to the Lord.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/19 15:33

JIG, thank you. Is it possible that I have your email address. I may have to seek your advise/help in the future. My email address is on my profile page. No pressure if you are not led to.

If you or anyone are still praying for me, can you pray that my body will not tense up. My body is beginning to tense up a t times because of the different types of 'spiritual pain' that has been inflicted. Thks

Re: , on: 2012/8/19 16:29

Dear Sister, just now finding your post. Running over to bring Dad dinner now - will be gone until close to 9 pm EST.

I can only receive emails at Dad's on his computer but he doesn't like me to be on it when he's home. He's only gone normally for 6 days per month and just came back yesterday.

I always ask someone to give out my phone # instead.

It's easiest to reach me after 1 pm EST and than again after 9 pm EST. I'm also quite the night-owl - so no hour is too late. Normally I'm up until 3 am. (That's how He's built me and I must admit that's truth.)

If any of those with my # could email it to learn, I'd be most grateful.

In the meantime, the others and I are praying for you, indeed!

With His Great Love for you to be felt tangibly. Amen!

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Re: , on: 2012/8/19 18:51

One things for sure, whatever you do go through, you'll come out of it. Watchman Nee called it the Normal Christian Life, and he wasn't kidding.

I guess that is why Paul tells us to comfort the feeble minded.

I am glad he said this because I am part of that crowd, if anyone is feeble minded it's me.

And everyone us have been there at some point, but with each trial (and believe me, we never understand the trials and not know what we learn by them) God makes us stronger and it's always at the end of the project that we see clearly wh at Paul was talking about looking into that glass darkly, but face to face we see the fullness of the image reflecting back at us, AHA, God was created Christ in us for that is what we see. We see Jesus the Author and the Finisher of our faith. This is the hope of glory.

Again, we don't see it because our eyes are dim because of the shadow of death all around us, but within that veil of death, God is there. He'll never leave us nor forsake us. It's important that we know that and get that into our spirit man so we can comfort ourselves in the time of our desperation for relief.

My prayer is that you be open to recieve knowledge from the Spirit of God even when that knowledge seems contrary to what you come to know as truth. Allow the Lord to tear down every false image of what we see as truth and let Him establish our hearts in righteous peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Don't rest in our prayers alone, you pray too and as you pray you'll gain strength more and more each day that with the t emptation God will make a way for you to endure the trial that your in.

We can rest in Gods' love because love will never fail, it's not possible for it to fail us. If it should fail, then God is not God. But because we know that He is, He is faithful who also will perform His work in you.

Comfort one another with these words.

Be Blessed today.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/20 18:32

Thank you Approved.

Ummm, can someone email me Jesus-is-God's contact number. My email address is in my profile. Thanks.

Re: , on: 2012/8/20 21:06

Bump!
Help!
Sorry!
Love!
Thank you!

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/20 22:45

Just to inform I have JIG's phone number already. Thanks.

JIG, I will only contact if necessary. Thanks so much for your willingness to pray and provide the contact number. Love you will all my heart.

Re: , on: 2012/8/21 0:48

Oh good, Sis.

So blessed to know you're doing good!

His and my love back to you.
You're in a Good place here.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/22 4:26

I need prayers today. God has already tested me several times today and its as if now He is telling me to ask for prayer s. I may be wrong with thinking He's asking me to write this post but I don't think so. Thanks.

post edited for clarity purpose

Re: I need prayers today - posted by Fiat, on: 2012/8/22 9:05

Praying,

All good things come from God, please talk to a Preast.

Regards,

Re: , on: 2012/8/22 23:12

Sis learn, how are you now? I am glad that you will be on the google-group so that you can send prayer requests in that way as well.

I know, for myself, that I have needed to back off of a certain topic because the enemy was using it to oppress and I see that you felt somewhat the same way.

Only GOD has All of the answers and I do know what those answers are in my own life situation and few others do. Only very dear friends that have known me for several yrs.

We're all individuals and GOD through Christ dealt with each individual differently when He walked this earth and He surly does now.

There are no "pat answers" that we can give out that cover everyone.

It would take a "word of knowledge" to know what is going on with each individual and their personal 'why'. And another word from GOD to tell them how to handle it all.

I'm grateful that I had such people in my life 10 yrs ago when my physical trial came and I Thank GOD for that trial - now . I didn't then, because I was Very Active in 'doing-doing' for others and HE wanted me to be still and hear Him and go in to a totally different direction of ministry and it worked. Or should I say - HE is the One that is Glorified through this.

I fear when others believe that they have All of the answers on topics as sensitive as what is going on with a person's personal life. The enemy can use their 'pat answers' to oppress ... And as strong as I normally am in Him, the enemy can use even those we looked up to, to speak without knowledge - just as Job's friends oppressed him.

I'm praying for you and if nothing else - I hope that if you're in contact with the Sisters in the email group - that you can share with them.

He Loves you very much and praying these storm clouds will pass and your days be filled with His Son-Light again.

Hugs from here and I'm sure from others as well.
Hang in, Sis and smile whenever you can :)

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/22 23:57

JIG,
I am doing very badly now. Your prayer is greatly desired.

For a while there I was ok, 'talking' to someone but now am doing badly.

Re: , on: 2012/8/23 0:26

Praying, Sis.

Please also ask for prayer through the group-mail.
Sister Brownly also receives those emails. She also is a prayer warrior.
I wish I could get emails but Jesus is able to supply what we need for wisdom on what and how to pray.
Please don't hold back in the emails to the group.

Do you have any help - such as a friend where you live?

Our GOD is Big and able to bring you through this thing and He does love you. His Word says that He'll never put us through more than we can bear and when we come through - that we will be better on the other side - stronger than we were before in His service.

I know that's hard to believe right now - but with great confidence I can say that. I wish I could share more of my own experience here - but I don't feel the freedom. Maybe when I can get to my Father's computer, then I can email.
I KNOW that Romans 8:28 is Truer than True - on that I will bank my life as truth - a truth that has been proven to me through more than I could ever write.

Know that He is with you and that He cares and I am just giving my impression from the words on this thread that you're going through something that is weakening your faith and the rest that is happening is not from Him but the enemy is taking advantage of your weakened faith.

Hold on with all of your might to Him and read the Psalms or any other portions of Scripture that bring you a calm.

Hang on Sister! Your life is Precious to Him.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/23 1:51

JIG, thanks so much. You really help. Started writing/copying a bunch of scriptures and asking for the right mentality and attitude. Boy, this spiritual warfare thing is really a tough nut. I can laugh now, but it was really horrible for a time there. Hmmm... I'm going to copy the scriptures here. Who knows, through my fumbling experience, somebody may be helped.

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

Acts 20:24

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scor

ning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Ephesians 6:10-18
Armor of God

James 4:7
Submit yourselves, then to GOd, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you

Romans 12:12
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Be joyful always;pray continually;give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Job 1:21
..The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

Job 13:15
Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him...

ETA
Horrible devil, just after I post this and he's coming back. Well, go away--the joy of the Lord is my strength--Nehemiah 8 :
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Re: , on: 2012/8/23 2:25

:) All Glory to The Lamb!

Your choice of Scriptures made me smile, Sister. Thank you!

I have an old notebook from many yrs back, when the enemy was hitting me hard - I wrote with a pen these same scriptures :)

You have chosen GOOD ones and I know that you'll find more and Yes, they Will help someone else.

Amen, in Christ you have the authority to say what you have - Amen, "Well, Go Away". Amen - that is your right as a child of The Most High GOD. That and your Scriptures is all that needs be said. You don't have to put up with that Liar.

No weapon formed against you shall prosper. I love Job 13:15 - Now THAT'S FAITH! :) Glory to GOD Alone!

This is what Jesus used when the devil came to torment Him -- the Scriptures and nothing more --- oh, and He said, "get behind me" ... which is what you've said, "Well, go away" :)

AMEN - THE JOY OF THE LORD 'IS' OUR STRENGTH.

You have Every Right to be Happy in The LORD. To laugh and smile and be joyful.
He created things to make us laugh and says that a Merry heart makes good or well, like a medicine.
He loves to see His Children Happy and Enjoying what gifts He has given us ... Just like any good parent is happy when their children are happy and enjoying themselves with the things that these good parents provide.
I love simple things and childlike things to giggle at and I know He smiles with me.
He made animals to do funny things. And beautiful flowers to tell us that He loves us. So many beautiful things that He created to help us to understand His Beautiful LOVE.

I had gone to bed and The LORD said, "Get up - look for learn" and still - I was surprised to see you here. He has Blessed me by your post. Glory to GOD! I'm happy by these verses and He wanted to make me happy too. Ha - He said - "Ge

t up and look!"

Thank you for confirming His WORD! He 'is' The WORD. How BEAUTIFUL!

Bless you and all sweetness to you from our Heavenly Husband and King - Amen! :)

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/23 3:04

Thank you. You have no idea how much this means to me about our Father's love. I've been crying and groaning in the spirit over this sentence.

Re: - posted by browny, on: 2012/8/23 4:38

Dear learn,

Just want to let you know I will also pray for you dear sister. Try to keep your eyes on to the Lord & stay into His Word. Keep His Wonderful and Blessed Word close to your heart, let it be in your heart and let your thinking be filled by the Word.

I know by experience where you are talking about sister, things you are going through right now. I take my Bible and holding it to my heart as a proclamation to the unseen world around us. Somehow this is giving me comfort.

May the Fathers peace come to rule in your heart and mind again. The Lord loves you and so do we here.

browny.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/23 4:59

Thank you browny. Your prayers and knowing that you understand what I'm going through because of your previous experience means so much to me.

Re: - posted by browny, on: 2012/8/23 5:39

In my best English I will try to write you.....

I believe the ones that are seeking the Lord for you dear sister will be lead by the Holy Spirit. He is able to even wake us up in the middle of the night to pray whenever you are in need of prayer. As sisters and brothers we do need to intercede at any time, at any place, with all our strength faith and love.

Dear sister, I cannot start to tell you all the things I have been going through and I am even in the middle of a very painful process at this time.

Only when I look back, over the years, I can see the Lord always was there, even in my darkest moments. In civil war situations on the missionfield, in a few almost dead experiences and in some severe attempts of trials by the enemy when he was trying to break my spirit.

Jesus was there right at my side when a group of mad men pointed their guns at me, and when another man tried to kill me, situations I hardly can talk about. Jesus was there in the middle with me, He was in the centre of all this evil, He was able to reach my heart with peace and strength and hope.

And now when arrows of pain are coming my way, I find shelter under His wings, running to my strong tower, calling out the Name of Jesus, sometimes having no words, only the strength to mention, to whisper or calling out His name. JESUS.. The Name above ALL names, above ALL fear, ALL pain, ALL hopelessness, losing ALL health, losing ALL friends, His Name is standing above ALL circumstances.

I am thankful for what you did you share, and by this giving me a (and others) a blessed chance to bring you before the throne of Grace.

You are and will always be, a beloved daughter of the Father.

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I pray you will be one day looking back saying; Yes, He was there all the time, and you are able to smile even with tears in your eyes.

Bless you,
browny.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/23 8:40

Hi browny, thanks for your sharing. Am tired as have very little sleep. I'm currently being prevented from sleeping.

I want to attach a thread here so that I can look at it when needed.

Wanted: Saints advice for overcoming, baptism in the Spirit, Dark Night

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id=45770&forum=35&start=20&viewmode=flat&order=0

Re: , on: 2012/8/23 12:18

Good thread link you posted, learn.

I'm convinced from those that I've met over the last 30 something yrs that GOD has allowed some to go through extra-ordinary circumstances - sort of like as a "Boot Camp" to be there for those that will go through the 'wearing down of the Saints' that will come Later ... in Fact - I Know this is truth - as The LORD had spoken this to me in 1996 without a question of a doubt.

The one-size-fits-all answers went out the window with that and many have and that are on the tail end of unexplainable events in their lives -- are now able to see through the veil to what is tormenting others and with clarity and not by looking at some list of #'s 1 though 5 to pigeon-hole everyone with problems right now into one of their self-made lists of why this is happening to another.

These that are being tried now through the fires - will be there with compassion and prayers of 'understanding' for those that will be tried during the prophesied days ahead.

Those that have or are experiencing weakness and attacks now Will be the 'experienced' ones when the time comes and GOD uses them and their eyes are placed on helping and keeping others standing strong unto the end.

"Shalom" is right, Sis Browny - as Shalom is beyond human 'feelings'.

In our weakness HE'S Made Strong! Amen! :)

Re: , on: 2012/8/23 13:49

Have you ever been pulled under by an undertow in the ocean? I have

I was in water barely to my waist, was suddenly pulled under and in a fetal position, was spun around and around, not knowing which way was up so I was incapable of shooting myself out of it.

With each spin, my head would hit the bottom of the sea floor but I was spinning so fast that it didn't give me time to know "which way was up".

I finally got a Great calm and said, "Here I go to see Him", and as soon as I said that, 'someone' grabbed me under the arms and I shot straight up out of the water and looked around to Thank the person who pulled me out, but there was no one around me. Haaa - What a GOD we serve. He sent an Angel but not until I gave up and had that wonderful peace that I would be going Home. Glory to our Great & Marvelous Creator GOD.

I feel still that we need to put legs to our understanding of what "strength" is - in that it's not of us at all.

Pardon me if I repost the Scriptures that prevail in my mind this week, because I believe the enemy has blinded us to what this man ACTUALLY Went Through - and Browny's testimony is just keeping these verses alive in me still. That is quite the testimony Sister and I'm so grateful to GOD that you opened it up to us. Amazing Grace - and still at work until we See Him!!!

We seem to forget that Paul was just a little human being and I've yet to see anyone take each separate part of what he went through - dissecting each event and truly regarding it - as if Paul was super-human, unlike any of us - this section is disregarded and read through far too rapidly to grasp the magnitude of what is being said.

Behold the 'human being' -

2Co 11:23-31 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn/grieve not?

If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

...

2Co 12:9,10 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.

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

2Cor 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you

2Cor 10:10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

Paul was a Power-house in spirit but in his humanity/his flesh - he was a mess.

This was so that ALL of the GLORY would go to GOD in Christ.

It's not of us - but of Him. At least that's the way we need to see this all and all that comes at us and how He uses the weak or foolish things to accomplish His end - "To HIS GLORY".

He chooses the weak things to confound the strong. etc.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/23 23:20

Thank you JIG, Brownny and others for all your help and continual prayers. Words cannot express how I feel.

Because of the severity of the experiences that I've had, I admit I don't want to look at this thread anymore if possible unless I really desperately need help again. It's just too painful--a reminder of the pain and extreme emotions and aches everyday for weeks. I know the memory will never leave and another 'ache' God has decided to give me will stay (although I hope that God will decide to 'heal/fulfill' that ache)

So forgive me if I miss out any posts that may be written here or do not reply as I'm trying to put some closure to this. I know it isn't over yet but maybe if again I need help online, it's best that I start a new thread (with a link to this) when and if it happens. I'm just trying to limit whatever painful memories so that I can heal.

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Thanks. I hope you can understand.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/24 17:35

Ummm...God wants me to reopen this thread.

I did not seek His permission to close it. It felt good to close the thread--avoid the pain and embarrassment.

But God had to put fear in me to make me reopen this thread. Plus I hope that I did not hurt people like JIG and Brownly by closing this thread. I can only apologize if I did.

Proverbs 16:9 comes to mind

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps

Re: , on: 2012/8/25 1:51

Hi learn. Just wanted to tell you that I completely understood and sure didn't feel anything negative about it.

Praying you're doing better and smiling more.

I'll smile 'for' you, if that'll help (o:

I'm just stepping off from posting on the forum, but only for some personal reasons and posted that before you re-opened the thread, I believe.

I was reading some of your old posts, late Thursday night and was praying that you'll be back to yer ol' self again soon.

Love you, learn.

Stay well In Him ~ cuz He's willing!

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/8/25 14:32

JIG,

I need your continual prayers. Not doing well at all.

Ongoing suffering - posted by Myst (), on: 2012/9/7 18:37

Hello, Geraldine,

Regarding your comments on the suffering you are enduring:

Many Christians living in the plenty that America offers fail to see how a Christian can suffer for a long time. We have all the physical resources we need in our society for food, housing, and healing, so when we hurt, we have a solution for them. In a crisis, we often have little need for God, and therefore little opportunity to learn how to deal with our problems spiritually. For the rest of the world, they may suffer for many years with whatever bothers them. While they have a dire need for dependence on God, they, too, have been (sadly) indoctrinated (infected) with western theology.

Also, our doctrines in America usually tell us that it is God's will for us to suffer, so we face our suffering with a kind of stoic philosophy that tells us, whatever is happening is ok with God, therefore, we accept our troubles as though God is somehow behind it.

But to address your situation in which you said you have been suffering under for years, I would like you to notice some of these Scriptural ideas.

First of all, suffering is a reality for Christians. In all cases our suffering has its roots because we have entered the family of God, and that in itself turns the world against us. 2 Cor 4 tells us the god of this world, Satan, is in control of our realm, so if we try to seek out the true Christian life and live it, he will oppose us.

However, we see that God also has His hand in our disciplining. Proverbs 13:24 and Hebrews 12:6--for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and He scourges every son whom He receives.

In fact Jesus Himself endured suffering, Heb 5:7 For Jesus, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and

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and supplications with strong cryings and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared, 8 though being a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

In order to learn obedience, Jesus Himself, in the days of His flesh, had to suffer.

However, it is NOT His will that we suffer, the above passages simply say that there are REASONS that we suffer. Jesus has taught us to pray that our Father's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Hosea 4:6 says, for lack of knowledge my people perish.

Isa 5:13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge.

Because we lack proper knowledge, we can suffer for extended periods of time, even as Hosea said, unto to the point of perishing.

Some will object, that those passages are from the Old Testament, and do not apply to us. But even John twice spoke about, "I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one." We have to learn to overcome Satan.

It is Satan who afflicts us with destruction: Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Remember, the Israelites went through the wilderness for 40 years before they were allowed to enter the promised land. They were kept out, because they had not learned the essential lessons they needed to know in order to overcome the evil one, Satan.

It is a Scriptural principal that we are not allowed to overcome too soon or too easily, but must grow spiritually in order to achieve our victories:

Deu 7:22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

So there are many reasons for our suffering. But the clear promise is, whatever we are suffering, we can overcome it by using Scriptural, spiritual principals that will lead us to victory.

Joh 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I (Jesus) have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Act 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him.

So we know that whatever we suffer can ultimately be traced back to the demonic, and our victory ultimately is won through Christ. We just need to know and apply the spiritual laws that will give us our life and freedom through Christ.

Learning to accept our suffering in this life, justifying it as something given us within the will of God, is simply not an option according to Scripture. We are repeatedly promised victory, and anything less is just not our destiny in Christ.

Whatever you are dealing with reject it, resist it, fight it, and eventually victory will come. The reason we do not achieve our victory is that we lack the spiritual leaders who know how to fight and overcome the evil in which the satanic entangles us.

Our Father has given us all the tools we need to overcome the evil one. May you be blessed with knowledge in the course of your battle.

Re: Ongoing suffering - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/8 6:18

Thank you Myst for the post and the email.

Re: Please pray for me - posted by Myst (), on: 2012/9/12 18:04

Hi Learn.

When we are in the wilderness, we must always hear from our Father. In the midst any spiritual conflict (spiritual warfare, battling sin, etc), we need to not only know what we are fighting, but how to fight it.

The problem with human counselors our lack of spiritual discernment and knowledge leading us to give opinions. Our divine ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5) requires us to function as a NT priest, bridging the gap between God and man, when another can not. That usually requires exercising the office of prophet, passing the voice of God through to those unable to receive it just then. (Our 3 ministerial offices are as prophet, priest, and king.)

Yes, too much information, sorry. The point is that ministering to ourselves or others (fixing us or them) is always a spiritual function, an art. Yes, it is often done by natural means, but is far more effective in the spiritual realm, within the essence of our being.

For a spiritual solution, we must touch the spiritual realm. Scriptures overflow with examples for us, because we are complex. So if our problem is not precisely described in Scripture, we have a Father who can directly tell us both our problem and its solution. So the key is in listening to your Father, then doing what He said.

You said you often heard from Him in the past. But its true, in times of testing or wilderness, there is an illusion He is silent. At that time we must be aware of the MANY ways he speaks to us. Having already been too didactic, let me just list some He speaks to us. This is helpful, because with just an awareness, you can be watchful for Him speaking to you.

Our Father speaks through:

The Scriptures: Paul (1 & 2 Cor) the Scriptures are spiritually interpreted (our Father) or veiled (the demonic). In time of need, usually I ask my Father for a Scripture. Most often I am given to a specific verse (to look at with the context) or chapter. The passage gives me an equally specific answer. But at times I have been given an entire book or even a section, such as the OT prophets.

The inner voice of God. In Rev 3:20 Jesus said if you open the door when He knocks, He will enter and commune with you. In communion there is always revelation. In true Scriptural meditation we will clearly hear God speaking.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice."

Paul said, "Faith comes by hearing (hearing is audible!!) and hearing by the Word (here the Grk uses rhema: spoken Word). So faith is imparted when you hear the AUDIBLE Word of God. This most often occurs as we read the written Word, and profound truths clearly stand out. But we can also hear Jesus speaking to us clearly by His inner voice through meditation, or through "synchronicity".

Synchronicity is something that happens to us when we are looking for a spiritual answer. We earnestly ask our Father a question, and it may not be answered immediately. But in the course of a day (usually the same day), we encounter a situation (usually many) in which our answer comes. It may be something overheard (conversation, radio, TV, a song), or an incident that plays out almost like a living parable for us, but it strikes us in such a profound way, we know our Father just answered in an unexpected way. Paul called an example of this an "open door".

However you want your answer to come, ask your Father your question. Chances are He will answer you repeatedly (in the mouth of two or three witnesses, ie revelations or experiences). You will take joy in hearing from Him throughout the day. The height of your joy will be in the fact that the God of All takes time to arrange whatever must be arranged to speak to you often and in surprising ways, amazing you by His utter love for you.

By the way, the reality of synchronicity is so evident, it became a life-long study of Carl Jung and central to his work (psy

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chiatry). Its existence is so evident that even secular scientists research the "phenomenon".

Bless you on your quest and with the joy you will have in intering with our heavenly Father.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/14 1:02

Thanks Myst

- posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/9/14 8:54

Hi can anyone tell me what this request is about ? I have read all four pages but it doesn't seem to explain anything with information.

Re: , on: 2012/9/14 9:37

David, I've dragged the first post here so you can observe Geraldine's request.

Quote:
----- I need prayers. It seems that God wants to test me and it may likely be for years. It has already started for some time and its almost more than I can bear. Previously there have been lucid moments where I feel normal and therefore can rest but I don't know whether I will have these moments. I guess He will still give me moments of normality during these times.

I sincerely and desperately need prayers especially long term ones. Thanks.

Learn (Geraldine)

Re: , on: 2012/9/14 9:40

Geraldine, You need to get a hold of Watchman Nees classic book entitled, "The Normal Christian Life". What your describing in your prayer request comes straight out of that book. You WILL be encouraged.

If you've read it, read it again. :-)

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/9/14 11:27

Thanks for that 'Approved'. I read that at the beginning of the post. I just don't know what Geraldine's suffering is which will last for years ?

Re: Please pray for me - posted by Myst (), on: 2012/9/14 15:10

Hi Learn,

I wanted to add this caveat about hearing God's voice. Whenever we hear from our Father, we ALWAYS need to use discretion, as John said, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world," 1 John 4:1.

Jesus Himself had to be acutely aware of the spirits that were speaking to Him. The wrong spirits spoke to Him even through His disciples, for example, in the cases of both Peter and John himself (the writer of the above). Jesus speaking to "Peter" said, "Get behind Me, Satan." Speaking to John and his brother, he told them they didn't know what spirit they had.

Also, when Satan came along quoting Scriptures and otherwise tempting Jesus to miraculously manifest aspects of His rightful destiny (but in incorrect ways), Jesus had to discern who was speaking to him, and the correctness of the message being brought by the speaker.

Hebrews 4:15 says, " We have a high priest, who can sympathize with our weaknesses, One who was tempted in everything like us, but without sin" (double negative omitted for clarity). Jesus was not tempted in everything in some way not like we are, but exactly like we are. He had to discern everything He read and heard (whether in the natural or spiritual realms) to discern the true person behind the voice. This should also give us a hint of how common it is for other spirits to speak through us.

So, to discern His voice, this is the simplest way:

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.

When we hear from the demonic that "voice" is accompanied by fear, doubt, anger ... all of the negative emotions that form the character of the demonic and darkness. But, when we hear from our heavenly Father, His voice is accompanied by confidence (faith), courage (the power and authority of our Father), love ... all of the positive emotions that emanate from the character and being of our Father.

The exception to the above rule is when we are in rebellion from our Father and in harmony with darkness. At that time, it is not that His voice is accompanied by the aspects of darkness, but in our rebellion, we will reject Him and what He is trying to tell us, and at that moment, we can sense our refusal of Him. We know quite well what that feels like as we recall the days of our youth and teenage years when we did not want to hear what our parents told us. This is the simplest way to discern His voice.

The above is discernment from the emotional side of our soul. Discernment from the intellectual side of our soul is to use Scripture. of course, using Scripture is the most reliable test (as Jesus did). The problem is that modern doctrine is such a convoluted distortion of Scripture, that we mistake our beliefs for the teachings of Scripture. Given that, when we try to evaluate His message to us, we try to fit it into our doctrine rather than His Word, and that leads to a degree of confusion in our minds.

So, whenever you hear a voice, in whatever form it comes, be sure to discern the source. If your heart is in humble submission to Him, when you feel that unmistakable love and confidence, you can be better assured that it is from your Father.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/14 17:01

Hi Davidkeel,

Thanks for your concern.

I'm suffering from spiritual warfare--at least now, I know what it is. Its still ongoing. Have been for many weeks now. There was a period where it was extremely bad.

Its still bad. It hits especially the emotions/heart. It has hit my thoughts before, but that's rarer.

Edit: My 1st post said it would last years. Now, I'm not so sure. Have no idea when it will end and am tired fighting it. Can't say I am in the best shape.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/14 17:04

Approved,
Thanks for the Watchman Nee recommendation.

Myst,
Thanks.

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/9/14 17:39

Hi Geraldine, in what form is it taking ? In what way are you being attacked ? Do you know why it's happening ?

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/14 17:44

Suspect I'm being sifted like a wheat--think of Peter.

Guess because I got serious with God--that's when it started.

Form--it mainly attacks my emotions--can happen anytime and doesn't matter what I'm thinking. Can be thinking about God and it also hits.

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/9/14 18:16

I have been set free from many evil spirits and I was going through what I believed to be spiritual darkness and attacks for many years because I thought that was what God had planned for me.

But my thinking was wrong and it was only as I began to repent that I changed and came out of darkness.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/15 2:04

David, thanks and check your email.

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/9/15 9:51

Hi Geraldine (Learn), I agree with the things that Myst said in his post. And I liked the bit where he said about our experiences having to fall in line with the word of God. (the Bible). I thought that was just right.

When I was a young believer I thought that certain things would work, like praying and worshiping the Lord. I thought they would eventually lead to my overcoming dark periods which I honestly thought were trials from God.

But in time the Lord gave me no other way out of my darkness except to obey him. I longed to be close to Him but times of darkness kept coming. And so began a life of obeying the Lord. And scriptures being opened to me about obedience and it's power.

One day I was sitting on a train and nothing was working in my walk with God.

As I sat there I decided I would try to forgive someone who I was constantly holding a grudge against. A brother in the Lord. I said to myself that I would try to forgive him and not hold anything against him again.

It wasn't easy to do just as the Bible says : Take the hard road, the road which leads to life.

I was tempted again and again to hold grudges against him but I had to drive those thoughts away from me.

After I had forgiven him amazing things began to happen in my walk with the Lord. And I got set free from many dark things. I would say that there is more power displayed from God when we forgive someone than there is in any other form of obedience. God is for people and loves them and he wanted me to have a heart for them also.

I'm not judging you and saying you are disobedient because I don't know you at all. I hope that what I have written is helpful to you either now or in the future. If nothing works then come back and read this thread.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/15 10:32

Thanks davidkeel for sharing.

Mine is not forgiveness as far as I'm aware of and the spiritual warfare had nothing to do with forgiveness either.

All I know is I still don't understand where this is all leading me to. I just want this to end.

Re: Please pray for me - posted by Myst (), on: 2012/9/15 17:55

Hi Geraldine,

You mentioned to David:

"Guess because I got serious with God--that's when it started."

Whenever we turn to our Father, stepping out of our "normal Christianity", that invariably starts us on a path of discipline and growth.

Jesus spoke about it often, ie that we must die to self and more, Paul referred to the disciplining that we must face, and if you read both epistle of Peter, he discusses it at length.

With me it began with something I read by Kierkegaard. Essentially he said, "God does not use anything until he first makes nothing out of it." I thought about how the earth was first empty and void, and then He formed it into something He called good in all of its finished aspects.

At the time, I was deep into conventional Christianity. When I saw the validity of Kierkegaard's comment, I had wanted more than anything, my Father to use me. I told Him that He could make nothing out of it to accomplish that. I knew that I would be in for a difficult time, but I had no idea of how difficult. The journey forward from that moment has been gut wrenching, and seemingly unbearable at times.

I never forgot my commitment to Him, however. And whenever things seemed to be getting better in my world, I recommitted to my process of growth. I thought it would be far better to "get it over with" than having to go through a series of periods of growth. I have suffered death and loss in my life, which had up to that time, been easy and pleasant.

In my most trying times, I still remember and thank my Father that He is still making something out of me, although I feel so crushed in the midst of this.

I am grateful to David that he asked you when it started, and you explained. You are a living testimony of how our Father will take us and make up into the kind of servants He needs in His harvest.

John, in his epistles, and in his book of revelations spoke often about overcoming, and the rewards given to those who overcome.

In the coming darkness when our Father most needs those to reap His harvest, you will be among the harvesters. Just remember, NEVER GIVE UP. Ask for revelation as you are going through this. He will tell you how to overcome. Use that revelation to defeat our enemy. Do not forget what you have learned. Then you will be vitally important to rescue those who are lost in the world.

This is your destiny. This is what you chose when you committed yourself to your Father.

Thank Him for what He has given you. Live up to the name you have given yourself ---> LearnLearn. In both Greek and Hebrew, when the writers wanted to emphasize something, they would repeat the word twice. That is why you often read of Jesus saying, "Verily, verily."

The true knowledge of the Lord is essential right now. Do not waste your time of discipline / discipling. He is merely teaching you, and the lessons are very hard. Just learn and overcome. The great fruit from your sacrifice will come soon.

Re: Please pray for me - posted by Myst (), on: 2012/9/15 17:59

Oh, and remember the previous mention of synchronicity? This is a good example, when David comes on to mention something, and you recall the fact of how it all began:

"Guess because I got serious with God--that's when it started."

Your Father arranges things to be brought out by others to enable the truth to come up in an unusual or unexpected way. He is speaking to you like that now. Just watch for it to happen often.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/18 5:02

Myst,
Thanks but I think you read too much into me 'getting serious with God'. My seriousness is not what you seem to think it is. I know you are trying to help but I beg you to not write anything more on that as it has been very difficult for me to even reply to you in this thread. I do sincerely thank you for your help but I need a break.

I may seek your advise in the future (I hope you don't mind) but at this point in time its just too difficult to do so. Thanks.

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/9/18 11:47

Hi Geraldine, I am not sure what your problems are which you wanted to make people aware of. And none of us are able to understand your difficulties because of your request being so vague. You haven't really shared anything about what is going on either on this thread or when I emailed you. If you just want to tell your friends on Google then that's cool. But I thought you may have wanted some help.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/18 12:17

David,
I have other threads elsewhere in this forum that explained a bit more although you will not get anywhere near the full picture as I was asking questions pertaining to certain parts of the spiritual warfare and/or I thought that it actually ended when it is still ongoing. This thread was started because I needed prayers--not because I was asking questions. Anyway, more of the details were actually shared through emails with certain people as I needed more specific help on how to deal with it.

At this point, 1 of my main goals is that I'm trying to concentrate on reading the bible because I think that's one of the major key to solving this.

I may in the future contact you if you don't mind. If I do so, I will send an email since I have your email address.

If you would like to pray for me, pray that I quickly learn what it is God is trying to teach me so that I can get out of this spiritual warfare. Thanks.

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/9/18 13:41

Hi Geraldine, I have already seen one of those other threads before I started posting on here. And because of this I was really trying to squeeze out of you how you are living out your walk with the Lord as a means of trying to help.

There are things mentioned by people on the thread which I read which aren't correct, especially the idea of forming a close walk with God through Bible reading and prayer. They in themselves won't do it.

I hope you find a close walk with God though Geraldine. Bless you.

Re: what you are going through - posted by table, on: 2012/9/19 6:19

Feel great sympathy for you and an anguish of heart because of what you are going through. I know you want deliverance from the Lord. If the struggle is too difficult then a deliverance minister you would trust or can be introduced to may help. There may be some darkness in the ancestral line which is holding you captive. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal this to his ministers or yourself when you ask Him. The enemy can stop you going to see someone through fear, unbelief and other barriers which may be influencing you. Confess these things or just go and seek a genuine Minister who deals in these things and pray for the right one. Occult stuff may be in the family lines somewhere, strongholds over families can be in place through sins and this may have affected you seeing as their seems to be no hope at times when in fact there is all the hope for you to consider. Don't be blinded!! Hope this helps and want the Lord to deliver and bless you

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/9/20 8:36

Thank you David for your kindness. My walk with God is fine.

Table, thanks but that's not what I need. Let's not go further with regards to the point that you brought up, ok. Thanks.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2012/11/10 18:47

Wanted to give an update/conclusion because its so often that when we ask for prayer requests, we may not come back and feedback what the conclusion is. Its also about giving praise to God amidst the pain/trials/sorrow. And also thanking those that have given advise and prayed for me. Also, for those that are battling whatever battles that they are in, be encourage that you too can come out of it.

I am now able to sleep at night without being woken up multiple times. Recovering--its a process-how long I do not know. Starting to praise God--something which was always lacking in my Christian walk. Still a long way to go.

Finally able to listen/sing a Christian song without fear of attack etc. Its only 1 song so far and still afraid of other songs, but I guess the fear will go away with time--LOL, I think it will take quite some time on that. I remember Approved's post--If God brings you to it, He will bring you through/out of it. Well, something like that.

This is the song that I've been singing.

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart.

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks unto the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich'
Because of what the Lord has done for us' (repeat)

Give thanks

Romans 12:12
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2012/12/3 7:38

I'm really pleased for you. Topics and posts come and go on here like a flash so I'm pleased to be browsing Sermon Index in a coffee shop and seeing your post. I haven't been on much in the last few months so it's really good to see your update... Wow, that song is a really special one. I used to sing it years ago as a young believer.

I'm pleased you are doing well in yourself. And you have been praising Jesus in your circumstances!

I wish you a brighter future in your walk with the saviour.

The Lord has been speaking to me about living and walking in his grace. A good book and recommended by many believers is Sit, Walk, Stand by Watchman Nee.

Blessings to you, David.

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Re: Please pray for me - posted by used4him, on: 2012/12/3 9:05

Hi Geraldine,

I agree with the previous poster that your complaints are always vague. If you can be more specific, then people can pray more specifically for you. We are not to be walking by feeling, but by faith. Put your bad feelings aside, you seem to be constantly focused on them. I have a few questions for you.

1. What is your salvation experience?
2. Have you ever been involved in the occult in any way, and if so, have you repented of it?
3. Have you received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?
4. Are you getting fellowship? Where do you live, and perhaps someone can connect you to some?

Without the above, you will not be victorious over the enemy. As Billy Graham once said, "God cannot use a defeated Christian."