



Hello again from Quarantine! I hope this devotion is a blessing and an encouragement to you today.

I try to remind myself often of the sacrifice that was given for me to have the life that I do. Sin had truly wrecked my life. When God moved on me some 20 years ago, I was in what seemed to be a hopeless place. I have had difficult days since then, but I have never faced them alone. In every valley there has been a reminder of the mountain top. Every tunnel, that faith within me reminding me, that even when I can't see the light I KNOW..... not think.... I know it's there.

All of the hope, faith, comfort, strength..... all of the everything ... lol - just all of life and the abundance of it, came at a cost. I have stated many times I will never understand why God loves us so. It's difficult to imagine being in Christ position. He lived perfectly. We all know what it feels like to be accused falsely. That's a terrible feeling, but how many of us know what it's like to go to jail for something you didn't do? Or go to jail for something somebody else did? Jesus was beaten..... and it was no light beating. Jesus suffered the death of the cross, that all of that everything that abundance he suffered so we could have that.

God doesn't want us to be overwhelmed with guilt when we think about this. But is looking for our gratitude, and our praise. Christ invested into our lives in a way no one else could. He gave me back life, and just as He said He would, it was much more life than I ever had before.

When I think about the scriptures that says lay our lives down a living sacrifice. I can't help but be reminded that He laid His life down, that I can have life. It's hard to wrestle against that. How can we be selfish with something, we wouldn't even have if He hadn't given it?

Are you walking with God today? Has your life been impacted by the cross? Take a moment and give God praise for what you are enjoying. Remember that it came at a great cost. Christ humbled Himself so we could have life I can't escape the thought that we should humble ourselves to let Him know how much we appreciate it.

God bless -- Pastor Paul

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It pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. — Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. — Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. — For I came down from heaven, not to do mine will, but the will of him that sent me. — The cup which my father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

The Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. — My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, — Mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth

ISA. 53:10. John 12:27,28. -Luke 22:42,43. Phi. 2:8. John 10:17. -John 6:38. -John 18:11. John 8:29. Matt. 3:17. Isa. 42:1.