



Hello again from Quarantine! Praise the Lord for the beautiful sunshine, and it feels like spring is in the air ..... again..... but who knows for how long right? How are you today? You don't have to answer out loud, and you can answer honestly .... God knows.

Maybe I divert from the devotion for just a moment. Maybe someone needs this right now. Maybe .... well just maybe this is the devotion. I am thankful, that God cares "How we are". The words says in Hebrews 4:15 (ESV)

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

I have been in places of my life along the way, where I felt like nobody really cared. I am shooting it straight here so bear with me. I am just saying what I have felt. Have you ever been there? Maybe you are there right now. This Quarantine we are all a part of, has driven us to seclude ourselves. We are a social people, so it can work on you, I mean how many re-runs of Andy Griffith can you watch anyway? (PM me for my guess). We never really know what people are going through. I can walk in the room with someone and get a feel for something. I can discern that something is going on ..... but I never really know. But I am in contact with the one that does. It's the thing that the people of the "VIEW" make fun of, but a reality none the less. I have conversations with God. I am in fellowship with Him. He doesn't speak to me audibly, but I do sense His leading, and I have learned to recognize His voice.

If you feel like nobody cares, let me tell you. He does. Maybe there is some truth to what you feel, and that's probably very unlikely, but even if it were true..... God cares. God is concerned, God loves .... He LOVES YOU! ..... it's not a blanket statement that doesn't apply to you, it's a statement that is as profound as anything you will ever here. Studying the love of God is valuable, and certainly

seeking a continual relationship is as well. Because when it you fall into those dark places of life, you realize, "I am not alone", and God loves ME! As much as the enemy would love for you to believe to the contrary, keep your eyes on the one stable thing in this life --- and that is the God of heaven. Today's devotion is really about walking in His Spirit, and His ways. I have spent more time on one of the MANY reasons why this is important. Because we have a High Priest who SYMPATHIZES..... He understands, He has been in this body .....and felt the weaknesses of the flesh, He has felt pain, He has felt HURT, Heartache, and even Loneliness..... so when you are going through those things ..... KNOW ... I repeat for emphasis .... KNOW that He knows you, that HE cares, and even when it appears that nobody else does ..... HE ALWAYS will.

I can remember struggling with all of these emotions of life, without a relationship with God. I fought with anxiety, and depression. Feelings of hopelessness was more than a commercial on TV, it was a reality. Trying to sort through those things on my own..... honestly it felt like I was trying to pull a bus up a hill with a rope on my own. Sometimes the enemy tries to get me back into that "headspace". Do you wrestle with that? I want you to know, the day that God stepped in and "manifested" Himself in my life ..... was the greatest day of my life. It's likely the greatest day in yours ..... or if you don't have that relationship.....

TODAY can be the greatest day. I would love to introduce you to the ONE, that helped me to know I WAS .... I AM loved..... through all of my foolishness, the God of Heaven Loved ..... LOVES me ..... and He loves you! KNOW that today..... I am praying for whoever reads this today. I hope ... that these words turn on the light of HOPE for you. Jesus really is the remedy! He's more than a good idea ..... He is the WAY! ..... HE IS THE TRUTH ..... and He is where I found life .... and you can too!

God I pray for those that feel hopeless today, I pray for those that are broken, or hurting, or maybe feel like nobody cares. God I pray ..... I ask that you go to where they are right now, I pray that you help them to know You, and to know that you love them. Thank you Lord for your faithfulness, and your concern for us as a people. We love you ..... and realize everyday our need for You. In Jesus' name ..... AMEN

God bless -- Pastor Paul

May 13

Pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. I Tim. 2:8

The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:23, 24

Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. Isa. 58:9

When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any. Mark 11:25

Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6

Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the LORD. James 1:6, 7

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me. Psa. 66:18

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not, And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins. I John 2:1, 2