

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Psalm 119:89-90; Your Word O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations.

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's inspired monthly Journal for July 2015. This month's inspired message has to do with God's Faithfulness, according to the Holy Bible. What is faithfulness? Faithfulness is adhering firmly and devotedly, as a person, cause, or idea. Also, it is being dependable, reliable, consistent with truth or actuality; responsible, conscientious and so on. An example of true faithfulness can only be truly found in the Word of the Lord. God's Faithfulness to us is one thing, but faith in God is another thing! When it comes to having faith in God, we all fall so short at times. Whenever the storms of life come knocking at our doors, and the pressure starts to befall us, we start to buckle at the knees before falling on our face. You might be saying to yourself at this time, that's not me; my faith is stronger than that! Well my friends, I use to feel that same way at one time, until God started to turn the pressure up on me. There are so many examples in the Holy Bible about faltering faith. One of my all time favorite examples can be found in the book of **Matthew, chapter 14 verses 22-33!** The Bible tells us that, after Jesus just had got done multiplying 5 loaves and 2 fish, feeding Five Thousand people who were following Him, He made the Disciples get into a boat and go ahead of Him to the other side while He finally dismissed the crowd of 5 thousand who had come to hear Him speak and be healed. After He dismissed them, Jesus went on top of a mountainside by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them walking on the lake. When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they say and cried out in fear! But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I, don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's You," Peter replied, "tell me to come to You on the water." "Come" He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when He saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" "You of little faith," He said, "why do you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

My friends this story is a perfect example of God's Faithfulness, verses man's faithlessness. It can be helpful to remember after our faith has been weakened, that we are not alone in these ongoing struggles. These struggles we will all face from time to time, are all part of the "Master's Design."

I believe that we are continually being refined, and renewed, while living in this fallen world. Being regularly refined and renewed from the inside out, helps us grow closer to God through perseverance. The only way to rise above the trials of life is through faith and God's Grace!

Through God's Faithfulness, I feel the Lord's Peace after the storms come, because God has never given me more than I could handle. When we believe in Jesus, He gives us exactly what we need to survive life's trials, through His Grace. Hey, if a guy like Saint Peter can fall prey time and again to the fears of life, so will we! After all, Peter was the Rock upon which God originally built His Church. He was very close and dedicated to Jesus, but yet he also denied Christ 3 times before Jesus was crucified. I believe that God loves us so much, that in order to get our undivided attention, He puts trials in our life in order to draw us close to Him. God wants us to rely on His Grace alone, and not our flesh! My brothers and sisters, God wants only what is best for us! So come taste and see the goodness of the Lord's Faithfulness! Father God, I ask at this time that Your Holy Spirit and Divine Presence dwell within your people, I ask this in Jesus name..... Amen!

JESUS CALLING By Sarah Young

SPENDING TIME alone with Me is essential for your well-being. It is not a luxury, or an option; it is a necessity. Therefore, do not feel guilty about taking time out to be with Me. Remember that Satan is the accuser of believers. He delights in heaping guilt feelings upon you, especially when you are enjoying My Presence. When you feel Satan's arrows of accusations, you are probably on the right track. Use your shield of faith to protect yourself from him. Talk to Me about what you are experiencing, and ask Me to show you the way forward. *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to Me, and I will come near to you.*

Revelation 12:10; Ephesians 6:16; James 4:7-6

PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR JULY 2015

Proverbs 3:5-6; Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 6:22-23; The evil deeds of the wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin holds him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own folly.

LIVING IN DEPENDANCE ON ME, is a glorious adventure. Most people scurry around busily, trying to accomplish things through their own strength and ability. Some succeed enormously; others fail miserably. But both miss what life is meant to be: living and working in collaboration with Me. When you depend on Me continually, your whole perspective changes. You see miracles happening all around you, while others see only natural occurrences and “coincidences.” You begin each day with joyful expectations, watching to see what I will do. You accept weakness as a gift from Me, knowing that My Power plugs in most readily to consecrated weakness. You keep your plans tentative, knowing that My plans are far superior. You constantly live, move, and have My being in Me, desiring that I live in you. I in you and you in Me. This is the intimate adventure that I offer to those who believe in Me! For further study see **2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Acts 17:28; Colossians 2:6-7; and John 14:20.**

SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR JULY 2015

Proverbs 4:18:19; The Path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of the day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Psalms 130:3-4; If you, O Lord, keep a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

LAST THOUGHT: My brothers and sisters, keeping a record of sins(or holding a grudge) is like building a wall between you and another person, and it is nearly impossible to talk openly while the wall is there. God does not keep a record of our sins; when He forgives, He completely tearing down any wall between us and Him. Therefore, we fear (revere) God, yet we can talk to Him about anything. When you pray, realize that God is holding nothing against you. His lines of communication are completely open to us 24/7!!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

Psalm 130:1-3; Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord.



THE MINISTRY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Elena Logan, Michael Santarpio, Seth Lutz, Patricia Palma Anna Marie Croce, Warren Wisdom, Janet Young, Isaac Strong, Joe Lakes, Russ Holman, Janelle Owens, Anne Marie Hess, Natalie Lott, Mariane Wilson and Family, Jonathan Baker and Family, Marie Barros, Taylor Hydman, Tom Messick, Page Parker, Yolanda Corso.

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