

The Rock House Church
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Today God IS
My Identity

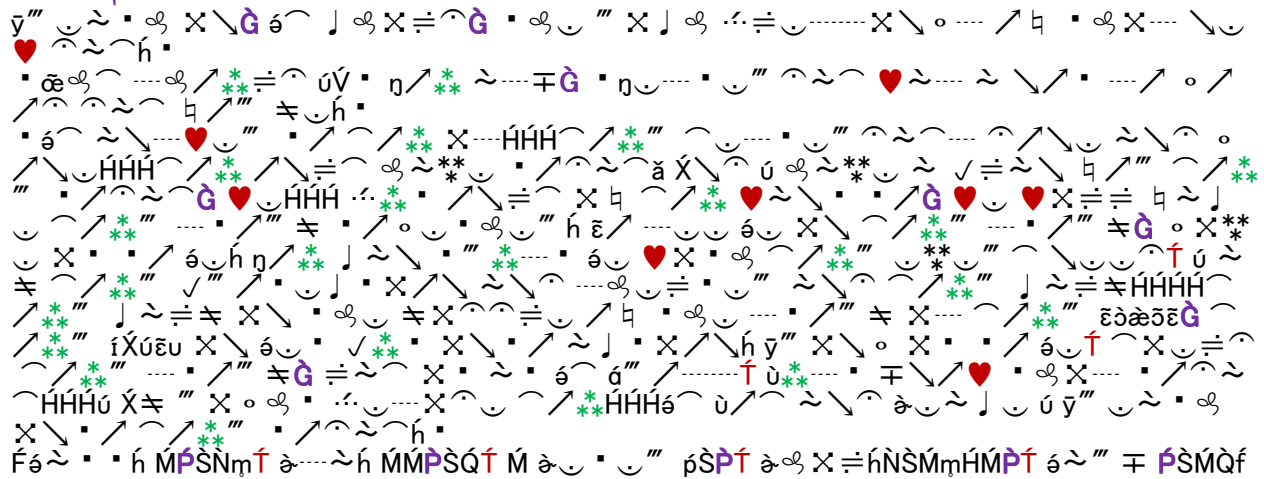
TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE: **LUKE 4: 4** *Jesus said to him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" (Deuteronomy 8:3)*

Matthew 14:31 *Jesus said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

JOHN 19:15, 19: *"Shall I crucify your King?" Priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."*

Matthew 14:35-36 *When the men recognized Him, they sent word out and brought to Him all who were sick;³⁶ and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were cured.*

TODAY'S ENCOURAGING WORD



TODAY'S CHALLENGE: **ESSENTIAL** for our growth and spiritual maturity is that you understand you can't get it from a prayer line or impartation but only comes as we walk through life's struggles with Him and talking things out with Him. The Holy Spirit will train and equip you as you listen and follow His leading through life's every distraction to Father's victory. Your Requirement? It takes Effort on our part and patience with self/others. Socrates said, "The secret of change is to focus ALL your energy---not on fighting the old--- but on BUILDING the new."

TODAY'S QUESTION: Who Am I?

I know they are there. I try to ignore them I deny what they say I am. and I even stuff them out of sight deep inside of me. Sometimes when I wake up in the morning, they make me want to stay right in bed. They mess with my emotions too, like I'm out of control! They even dictate how I react causing me to feel offended, hurt and angry whether rightly justified or not. They always remind me of my failures and that I have no value or purpose pulling me down into discouragement, stealing my life my joy my peace.

Proverbs 4:23 (NCV) "Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life."
(A **though** becomes an action; A action become an habit and a habit becomes a LIFE STYLE!)

TODAY'S WORD: Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately **He made** the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while **He sent** the crowds away.²³ After He had sent the crowds away, **He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray**; and when it was evening, He was there alone.²⁴ But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.²⁵ And in the fourth watch(3-6 AM) of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "**It is a ghost!**" **And they cried out in fear**. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." And He said, "**Come!**" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **But seeing the wind, he became frightened**, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "**Lord, save me!**"³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and *said to him, "**You of little faith, why did you doubt?**"³² When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.³³ And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

Matthew 26: 38-41 Jesus said to them, "*My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.*" And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "*So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?*"⁴¹ *Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*"

TODAY'S TOP QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the "Substance" of your Faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
- 2) Do you read Word? (Substance) THE Word(Psalm 119:11)
- 3) Do you have Anchors (substance) to hang onto?(Phil.1:6;Heb.13:5)
- 4) DO you know "IDENTITY?" (substance) see yourself? (Eph. 1)
- 5) How about "Prayer LIFE?" (Substance)(1Thess.5:17;Matt.5:44;6:9)

TODAY'S THINKING: How do you view life? Are you just "surviving" life's race? Today change your "IDENTITY" from a survivor thinking to conqueror and Victor mentality. Use the obstacles of today for strength to fuel the opportunities God has in-store for your tomorrow! (Philippians 4:13)

TODAY'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

- 1: Graham Cooke: It is impossible to grow in faith unless we have problems, difficulties or something to overcome. Learn how to rise up and stand.
- 2: A Christian is a person in whom Christ is happening!
- 3: C. S. Lewis: "You don't have a soul: You are a soul. You have a body."
- 4: Vic O said, "Feed your SOUL with Soul Food, let your flesh starve to death!"

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:

- 1) Nehemiah 1 Broken down wall of government and people: we pray for restoration of trust and Godly focus; Gates to heaven be restored.
- 2) Worship God: My eyes are open to see what You are doing; my ears are open to hear how to pray and intercede for President Trump, nation, leaders, press; discernment between good & evil reports; humility; focus
- 3) Weeping and fasting: We pray for our President, his family; cabinet political people; political issues, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done
- 4) PRAYER FOR My Family; children, grandchildren, protection; keep them; wisdom in their choices.
- 5) PRAY: I pray for Rochester; Mayor and her Counsel; Fairport; my neighbors; Church family

TODAY'S HUMOR.

TWO LAWS: You've heard of Murphy's law right?

Yes . . . Why?

It states that anything that can go wrong will go wrong, but have you heard of Cole's law?

No . . . It's thinly sliced cabbage

Whoever invented "knock, knock" jokes should get a no-bell prize

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "Do one thing every day that scares you;" and that's why I weigh myself in the mornings."

(T.E.W.) "Breathe in, My child the rich blessings of this new day."

"Why should I?" You ask, "Yesterday was a not so good day for me."

"My answer to you is---your yesterdays done and gone---you only have today! And I have a plan for your today, we--- but only if you want to, we will face your storm together. To see Me in your storm, give it to Me. You can trust Me with your every need; I am your protection and shelter and your calm---your calm in the middle of the storm is your TRUST, your FAITH in Me" put into action. Bring it to Me; yield your storm, lay it at My Cross; just know this today---I Am right beside you---My Joy and Peace I Breathe into your today."

(Matt. 14:32; Psa. 116:7; 1 Peter 5:6; Phil.3:12-16; Mark 4:19)

PROVERBS 24:20-27 (NCV) My child, pay attention to my words; listen closely to what I say. Don't ever forget my words; keep them always in mind. They are the key to life for those who find them; they bring health to the whole body. **Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.**

Don't use your mouth to tell lies; don't ever say things that are not true.

Keep your eyes focused on what is right, and look straight ahead to what is good.

Be careful what you do, and always do what is right.

Don't turn off the road of goodness; keep away from evil paths

Omniscient, Omnipotent, my God who does great things. When I think about the great things You do for me--I can't hold back my praise for you--I have tasted of Your mercy; felt Your abiding Love I Worship You

[Psalms 139: 23-24](#) Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

²⁴ And see if there be any [\[a\]](#)hurtful way in me,

And lead me in the everlasting way.

[Psalms 51:10-12](#) Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.

TODAY'S SONG: *THOUGH THE FIRE* by Jason Crabb

So many times I question the certain circumstances,
things I could not understand.

And Many times in trials my weakness blurs my vision,
that's when my frustration seems gets so out of hand.

It's then I am reminded, I've never been forsaken.

I've never had to stand one test alone.

That's when I look at all the victories, the Spirit rising up in me.

And It's through the fire my weakness is made strong.

He never promised that the cross would not get heavy,
and the hill would not be hard to climb.

He never offered victories without fighting, but

He said help would always come in time.

Just remember when you're standing in the valley of decision
and the adversary says give in, Just hold on.

Our Lord will show up,

and He will take you through the fire again.

I know within myself that I would surely perish.

If I trust the hand of God, He'll shield the flame again, again!

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Love is ours to receive today

Love is ours to be given away

Love is from God just to take

Love is given for life to make

Love is shared from heaven above

Love is resting on you like a dove

Love is expressed in many ways

Love is our gift to you today.