

The Rock House Church
June 25, 2017

Today GOD IS MY "Focal Point"

A.W. Tozer said,

"God never negotiates with men! Jesus Christ's death on the cross put an end to any kind of negotiations. It is now God's word in its entirety or nothing."

You Choose Life or Death:

As for me and my house we choose Life; WE take His Word; His Entire Word!
They are Love, Hope, Peace--They are Life.

To Know the Truth--then LIVE the Truth---Will Change Everything

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE: **Psalm 121:7-8** *The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.*

TODAY'S TRUE STATEMENT: I am a Christian because: **First, I Believe that Jesus** took my sin on His Cross; *Christ is happening in me:* **Secondly I Believe Jesus set me** free from my past—totally free; *Christ is happening in me:* and **Thirdly I believe my God Father gave** me His Holy Spirit to teach me about Him, to show how to live rightly before Him and the Power, His Power to accomplish every task He sets before me; *Christ is happening in me* ; **Lastly, I Believe Jesus Christ is** my Hope, for my today and my forevermore. He, **Jesus my Redeemer, my King, my Best Friend living in me---changing my everything! Christ is LIVING in me!!!** I Believe Jesus Christ is everything to me.

TODAY'S ENCOURAGEMENT: *"Wait patiently with me, thank Me for my gift of this day; then let My love stream through you. I am your Firm Foundation. I understand your weaknesses and see your struggles. Know I will supply your needs, not grudgingly but in full measure."*

"Wait Patiently with Me. I made a promise to always be with you. Trust in My Love. Leave your cares to Me; none ever sought Me in vain just draw near to me and I will make known to you My wishes so that you will be true to My vision for your today."

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Just thinking: If prayer bring me to a place of----allowing God to be God *for* me; Then my abandonment to self, to my fears, or worries about "What's Next" *for* me---lets in the JOY of His ever abiding presence--allowing God to be ALIVE! **The Living God in me** and **His Life Living through me**? Hum what do you think?

TODAY'S QUESTIONS: What does abandon mean to you?

Abandon: leave someone behind; leave because danger; renounce; dump, ditch, discard; Give up control

June 4: Question was, Who Am I? My personal identity.

June 11: Question was "How is your heart? Do you have a thankful heart?"

June 16: Question was "What is your 'Treasure'?" and "Where is your treasure?"

June 25: Question is: What is your place of refuge? What holds the key to your heart?

TODAY'S thinking: The Secret or the key of a happy life *is seeing God* in all my circumstances.

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Martha Whiting Post "This morning I'd like to think about our set prayer time which is good, but I'd like to suggest changing our mind-set from orchestrated prayer to a lifestyle that includes a sustained running conversation with the Lord throughout the day. Worried? Unload your concerns before God right then. Disappointed by a conflict? Immediately share it with the Lord and ask for His intervention. Confused by a problem? Ask God for insight, understanding, and discernment. Don't save up your problems for the next time you pray. Talk with God moment by moment as you experience life. PRAY AS YOU GO!"

My daughter-in-law, Jenny Whiting, wrote to me yesterday this thought: "I like the thought that we are to arrange our day around God not have Him arrange the day around us." That puts our God at the center of our lives as to what His desires for us and from us. The scripture today is from Micah 6:8 and is this: "O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Still Thinking: Do we pray with the intent to get what we want from God? Do we try to manipulate or influence God in our prayers? In our prayers for healing either spiritual or physical or deliverance both ours and in others, are we really trying to "Control" God with the outcome that we want to see?

So how do we pray and bring our petitions to Him? "Ask anything in My Name and I will give it to you." (John 14:13-14) Is there a difference between a controlling prayer, maybe even done in faith, maybe even done with scripture verses to back up our request, with the intent to manipulate the outcome in our favor and a yielded prayer, "Not my will but thine be done?"

Prayer is a condition of my heart, either abandoned in Him or full of me.

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More Thinking: Matthew 7:7-11 Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!** Do you always give your children what they want?"

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Mark 4:35-41 *On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with*

Him. ³⁷ And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. ³⁸ Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. ⁴⁰ And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

To Find Beauty in your Storm, stop and think; what, if anything, gave you peace in that storm? We all experience storms in our lives at some point, some harder and more violent than others. Is it really possible to find beauty and peace in every storm? That depends...Who is in your boat?

If you're going through a storm right now, have you discovered the Prince of Peace in the middle of it, or do you only feel like you are dying? Are you so rapped up in the pain and trial that you can't see anything good in your life coming from this storm? Here's the Real Truth: God's will for our lives is peace. He left his peace with us. "Peace beyond what the world can give." (John 14:27) Peace like that can best be defined as not the absence of trouble in your lives BUT THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST. He is **the key** to my peace, **seeing God** in **all my circumstances** in my every storm "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." There is Power in the Name of JESUS. "Wait Patiently with Me."

I KNOW WHO I AM!

I am no longer a slave to fear; my fear is gone: taken away in Your perfect LOVE I am a child of God!

Max Lucado said, "For many years I missed this truth. I believed all the other prepositions: Christ for me, with me, ahead of me. And I knew I was working beside Christ, under Christ, with Christ. But I never imagined that Christ was in me.

I can't blame my deficiency on Scripture. Paul refers to this union 216 times. John mentions it 26 times. They describe a Christ who not only woos us to himself but "ones" us to himself. "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God *abides in him*, and he in God" ([1 John 4:15](#), emphasis mine).

WAY MAKER: by Sinach Jopesh

You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You

You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You

You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You

You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You

Way maker, Miracle work, Promise keeper, Light in the darkness

My God, that's Who You are.

Way maker, Miracle work, Promise keeper, Light in the darkness

My God, that's Who You are.

You are here, touching ever heart, I worship You, I worship You

You are here, healing ever heart, I worship You, I worship You

You are here turning lives around, I Worship You, I worship You

You are here mending every heart, I worship You, I worship You

You wipe away all tears, You mend the broken heart

You're the answer to it all, Jesus

Way maker, Miracle work, Promise keeper, Light in the darkness

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“Life Soon Over” by **VBOJR**

My life is moving, very fast
But life doesn't wait; so soon past
I just want to stop, a breath to take.
Plans not complete; things yet to make,

I look at all my failures, just to see
What might lay ahead today for me.
I just want to stop, for this moment in time,
Finding a new way; not wasting another dime.

So I look, but I can't see what's in store
All my tomorrows are hiding behind that door
I just want to stop, could I know what to do?
Decision time is here again, but that's nothing new.

Life seems to be moving very fast,
Each day, 24 hours to finish my task.
I just want to stop, see what's coming my way
Life doesn't wait to explore behind doors to-day.

Mom once said, this life will soon pass
I think then----she stepped on the gas!
I just want to stop, putting the brake on here
Discovering a new source for life with a slower gear.

Mom also said, only what's done for Christ will last
It was I, who put the pedal down, this truth to rush past.
I just want to stop; a new direction becomes so very clear
With the peace of Christ changing my life's atmosphere.

Now I can't change my pace of life
With all its' struggles and all its' strife.
I just want to stop, His Life breath to breathe for ever
His Love for me, now living in me, nothing can ever sever.

So I rejoice with Him, His gift so free;
For me to receive, cost Him His life on that tree
I just want to stop, to thank Him for my New Life I found
Life doesn't wait, but God does. His Life in me, to a- bound

TODAY'S HUMOR: I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes

"What's your father's occupation?" asked the school secretary on the first day of the new academic year. "He's a magician, Ma'am" said Little Johnny. "How interesting. What's his favorite trick?"

"He saws people in half."

"Do you have any brothers or sisters?"

"Yes" Johnny replied, "one half brother and two half sisters."