

The Rock House Church
April 9, 2017
Today God IS
My LOVE

Just Thinking About Today: WE are In The Presence of God! He is Right here!!
Think PRESENT—Think now—His Love is here for you to Embrace, to receive.
When you Embrace Father Love that encounter will change you forever---your Ruined, your
busted---forever changed; You just can't get enough of His Love!! "Think PRESENT"

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE : LUKE 4: 4 "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE BUT
BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" (Today I Love YOU)

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Matthew 14:23-33 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?"

Matthew 21: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of our Lord God most high.(Children)

TODAY'S REVIEW: 1) We live only by word spoken by God. 2) We all have storms in life which
produce Fear or faith; faith then fear; faith then doubt then fear because looked away from Jesus to
storm; 3) Result, lesson learned, faithful Savior restores our peace bring on confession and Worship!
"You can't trust everything you see is really what you see. Even salt looks like sugar."
Psalm 34:8 "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good: Blessed is man that take refuge in Him."

TODAY'S PRAYER: The Rev. Franklin Graham took to social media Tuesday to call on the nation to
"get over it" about the alleged Russian hacking and to "get behind" President Donald Trump "as he tries
to lead our country out of the deep hole that Washington politicians have created for us. "It's time to
move on. Get over it." "President Donald J. Trump can't do this on his own."

"We need to work together to fix our broken healthcare system, to rebuild our depleted military, to
secure our borders, and to overhaul our tax code — which is so complicated that even the senators and
congressmen have to have outside help to do their taxes.

"It's time to get over the Russians," Graham reiterated, "and move America forward.

"With your prayers and God's help, that can happen. Let's join together and pray for him and Vice
President Mike Pence as they tackle these problems one at a time.

"Whether you voted for him or not, it doesn't really matter," Graham continued. "He is our president."

"And if he is only able to accomplish half of what he has said he would like to, we will be a better
nation," he added. "Prayer does make a difference." (1Timothy 2:1-4 pray for your King/President)

I agree: How serious are we about seeking God for our Nation? Are we driven to fasting, weeping or
confessing the sins of the Nation as if they were my own? Let it begin with me today. Your prayer and
my prayer makes a difference. Jesus said "Where two or three agree on earth it will be done in heaven."

TODAY'S WORD: [Matthew 21 1-15](#) Triumphant Entry and Temple Cleaning

Triumphant Entry

As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."

This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, "Tell the people of Jerusalem 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.'"

The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "We Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD Praise God in highest heaven!"

(LUKE 2:11,14 "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased)

The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked. And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus Clears the Temple

Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"

The (deaf) blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David." ([Matthew 18:2](#) ---UNLESS---

QUESTION: Are these two events connected? Why?

Why did Jesus come to the Temple? To judge and condemn or to restore to right order?

- 1: Jesus only come into your temple when in _ _ _ _ _.
- 2: Humble ruler: He has all authority but He comes on the back of a colt.
- 3: His entrance always causes an uproar; Change; Conflict; Storms; Stuff!!
- 4: Why is "Temple Cleaning" necessary?
- 5: Does your temple need cleaning? (1) wrong type of sacrifice; (2) wrong motive to Worship (3) wrong use of money (4) wrong use of setting around selling religious "Doves"(5) Relationship robber (6) can't hear God speaking (7) can't see God working in you or through you
- 6: Is your temple a place of pray or busy with life? Peace or fear? Trusting or doubting? Relational or dysfunctional? Identity secured or questioned?
- 7: The affect of temple cleaning is: 1) you can see again Spiritual sight restored then 2) you can go in His forgiveness power and strength with a clear heart and 3) new releasing of Real Worship and Praise and 4) like children at Christmas, the Glory of the Lord floods our hearts with Faith, Joy, Love, Peace.

"A Christian is a person in whom Christ is happening!"

C. S. Lewis: "You don't have a soul: You are a soul. You have a body."

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TODAY'S THINKING: Mankind problem is their eyes do not see what is the most important.

They fail to see the most obvious like the everyday miracles that they live in. Once in while they see it but because their spiritual eyes of their heart aren't open they miss all that I am doing all around them.

Tracie Miles said, "Our thoughts determine the direction of our faith."

She goes on----"I'm not looking forward to Easter this year---due to circumstances beyond my control, Holidays look different through the lens of a broken heart and a broken family, and I think and feel differently about them too. Rather than focusing on the meaning of the resurrection, my thoughts centered around my earthly problems. Sometimes when life is heavy, our hearts and minds can get heavy, too. That's exactly why in Colossians 3:2, Paul encourages us to set our minds on the things above — not the problems of this world. Because whatever we set our minds on determines our thoughts, drives our emotions, fuels our words and actions, and ultimately steers the direction of our faith. When our thoughts are sinking, our hearts will too; But if or WHEN we intentionally fix our attention on "*things that are above*," — what makes us joyful, hopeful and positive — like the resurrection of Jesus Christ, eternal life, hope found in our Savior and blessings of all kinds that make us smile, then our attitudes can stay uplifted, despite our circumstances.

God gave us free will to choose mind over matter or let the matters of life control our minds. The choice is ours, and that important choice will determine the direction of our faith and our ability to enjoy God's joy and peace, even when our hearts are heavy. Unsinkable optimism, hope and faith hinge on where we choose to focus our thoughts, not on life's circumstances."

Ask with repentance and thanksgiving and I will open the Spiritual Eyes of your heart to see Me moving in your life today.

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: *WE are like branches on a tree growing in different directions but our root remains as one!* (Luke 10 Mary and Martha)(Peter and John)

TODAY'S ENCOURAGING WORD: "I have put My Spirit in you to TELL you which way to go. I have given you spiritual ears to HEAR my Spirit's whisper leading you through the "mind Fields" of your day. Hear Him speak then go! Don't look back or second guess your decision----just go! Faith comes as you obey, so get ready to get out of your boat, it's time for you to walk on "water." I Am calling to you, Come follow Me today, I have WON your every battle, every enemy that you will face today---I have already defeated just keep your eyes fixed on Me. Your day—your today is hidden with and in Me so Come, take that first step of Trust, you will walk in My Victory. Love leads the way, Healing follows, yours to receive."

TODAY'S SONG: Just a Closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus is my plea. Daily walking close to thee, let it be dear Lord let it be. I am weak but You are strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord who cares? Who with me my burdens shares? None but Thee, dear Lord None but Thee! Just a closer walk with Thee—daily with Thee Lord let it be.

My GPS or God's "GPS" by VBOJR 4/4/17

It was late on a dark week night
The right street signs not in sight.
I was on unfamiliar city streets
Nervously I shifted in my seat.

Pulling out my GPS to find my way
Go right, then take a left, easy I say.
Turned right I did, then a sign so clear
Do not enter! So now what! Oh dear.

Lost in the city with no help in sight
GPS didn't help me with my lost plight
Father's Angels to show me the way
You are my only hope and my stay.

GPS mistaken backing up into a lot
Turning around new directions I got
So I turned left street sign now in sight
Police on my left, and one on right!

Are you lost in your dark city of life?
Your GPS only brings on more strife?
Father God has a new plan for you today
Come, His GPS always leads to the way.

God has a GPS? You might ask.
Holy Spirit in you; He's up to the task.
His job is to lead us on Life's road marked **Right**.
Our job is to follow never letting Him from **Sight**.

TODAY'S HUMOR

A conclusion is the place where you arrive----When you get tired of thinking!
My uncle Joe and his best friend went hunting a couple of weeks ago. Somehow they got lost. Uncle Joe reassured his buddy, though. "Don't worry. All we have to do is shoot into the air three times, stay where we are, and someone from camp will find us."
They shot in the air three times, but no one came so after a while, they tried it again.
Still no response.
When they decided to try once more, Uncle Joe's friend said, "It better work this time. We're down to our last three arrows."

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