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TODAY IS --- JUST BECAUSE HE IS!

TODAY: FATHERS GIFT TO ME!

This morning I woke up

- 1) Aware of all my surroundings;
- 2) I could see, hear and smell; Thank You
- 3) My heart is beating, lungs are breathing;
- 4) Without thinking, my hands move, feet walk; All---just to embrace the DAY He has given to me!

## SO TODAY I PROCLAIM

You are the giver of Life --I am alive because YOU LIVE--

You LIVE In Me!

I turn my eyes onto YOU
I Look into Your Wonderful Face---

Where I See Your Light

All of my problems are so small Your Glory, Your Presence, Your Provision

Are all for Me Today

You Are all I need TODAY I Come to You, Humble, Broken, and Needy

YOU are my STRENGTH

YOU are my HOPE YOU have my TODAY in YOUR HAND I WORSHIP JESUS TODAY, Giver of LIFE to we;

YOUR Promise is "WHAT You started in me" "YOU will finish it Perfectly"

Thank You for Your Perfect Love;

With my heart full of Thanksgiving

TODAY -- I PROCLAIM -- YOU ARE

ALL I Want: ALL I NEED!!!

John 1:5 (EXB) The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not ·overpowered [defeated; or understood; comprehended] it. (VOV) The LIGHT (Jesus 'The Light of The World') shines in the dark places of my heart; exposed to His Light that darkness in me is done! Overpower by His Love Light!! Defeated by His Light Life Blood Power!!!

2 Corinthians 4:6-18 For God said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the (1T)"Light" of the knowledge of the (2T) Glory of God in the (3T) Face of Christ.

We, (YOU AND ME) have this Treasure(1-7) in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the (4T) power will be of God and not from ourselves; WE ARE afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. (treasure1-7) 11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.(treasure1-7) 12 So death works in us, but life (treasure1-7) in you.

But having the same <u>spirit of faith</u>, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also <u>believe</u>, therefore we <u>also speak</u>, knowing that <u>He who raised the Lord Jesus</u> (5T) <u>will raise us also with Jesus</u> and will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the <u>giving of thanks</u> (6T) To abound to <u>the glory of God</u>. Therefore we <u>do not lose heart</u>, but though our outer man is decaying, yet <u>our inner man is being</u> renewed day by day. 17 For <u>momentary</u>, <u>light affliction is producing</u> for us an <u>eternal weight of glory</u> far beyond all comparison, 18 while <u>we look not at the things which are seen</u>, but at the <u>things which are not seen</u>; (7T) for the things which <u>are seen are temporal</u>, but the things <u>which are not seen are eternal</u>.

My tongue be silent, cold, and still; This bounding heart forget to beat, If I forget thy mercy-seat!"

GOD MY HELPER. By VBOJR Today as I was pondering my Life's way Right road wrong road, how to stay, My thoughts came to the road of life; Both roads have problems; both have strife How does one keep from going astray? Without God's help along life way While the right road, so easy to stray; Wrong road seems bright, right and fun With help either road is to soon done. Who can listen to what God has to say? As I pondered letting God my helper be, He has a plan and a purpose for my destiny. He would show me the right road for sure To listen to Him, prevents taking a detour. Right, wrong road, Do I need His help to stay? Without God's help to guide me today I'm lost before I start, doing things my way. My choice today is to follow His leading, Giving Him my hearts deepest feeling. His Love to light my way, how can I go astray? Spurgeon: James 5:16 Pray for one another---- "Oh, let my hands forget their skill, An Attitude of Gratitude: Max Lucado

A grateful heart sees each day as a gift. Thankful people focus less on what they lack and more on the privileges they have. I attended a banquet recently in which a wounded soldier was presented with the gift of a free house. He nearly fell over with gratitude. He bounded onto the stage with his one good leg and threw both arms around the presenter. "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" He hugged the guitar player in the band and the big woman on the front row. He thanked the waiter, the other soldiers, and then the presenter again. Before the night was over, he thanked me! And I didn't do anything.

Shouldn't we be equally grateful? Jesus is building a house for us (John 14:2). Our deed of ownership is every bit as certain as that of the soldier. What's more, Jesus cured our leprosy. Sin cankered our souls and benumbed our senses. Yet the Man on the path told us we were healed, and, lo and behold, we were!

The grateful heart is like a magnet sweeping over the day, collecting reasons for gratitude. A zillion diamonds sparkle against the velvet of your sky every night. Thank you, God. A miracle of muscles enables your eyes to read these words and your brain to process them. Thank you, God. Your lungs inhale and exhale eleven thousand liters of air every day. Your heart will beat about three billion times in your lifetime. Your brain is a veritable electric generator of power. Thank you, God.

For the jam on our toast and the milk on our cereal. For the blanket that calms us and the joke that delights us and the warm sun that reminds us of God's love. For the thousands of planes that did not crash today. For the men who didn't cheat on their wives, and the wives who didn't turn from their men, and the kids who, in spite of unspeakable pressure to dishonor their parents, decided not to do so. Thank you, Lord.

Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff. To reflect on your blessings is to rehearse God's accomplishments. To rehearse God's accomplishments is to discover his heart. To discover his heart is to discover not just good gifts but the Good Giver. Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread. It does to anxiety what the morning sun does to valley mist. It burns it up.

Join the ranks of the 10 percent who give God a standing ovation. "Give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20 NLT)

"Worry does not take away tomorrow's troubles. It takes away today's peace."

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will." - Suzy Kassem

QUESTION: What does it mean "To Be in the ZONE?" Are you in the 'Jesus ZONE?'

Proverbs 21:21 He who pursues righteousness and loyalty Finds life, righteousness and honor.

WINTER IN WESCONSIN: Author Unknown It's winter in Wisconsin
And the gentle breezes blow,
70 miles per hour
At 52 below!
Oh, how I love Wisconsin
When the snow's up to your butt.
You take a breath of winter air
And your nose is frozen shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful,
I guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Wisconsin,
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground.

The Value of Disaster: The Sower's Seeds

Thomas Edison's laboratory was virtually destroyed by fire in December, 1914. Although the damage exceeded \$2 million, the buildings were only insured for \$238,000 because they were made of concrete and thought to be fireproof. Much of Edison's life's work went up in spectacular flames that December night.

At the height of the fire, Edison's 24-year old son, Charles, frantically searched for his father among the smoke and debris. He finally found him, calmly watching the scene, his face glowing in the reflection, his white hair blowing in the wind.

"My heart ached for him," said Charles. "He was 67 - no longer a young man - and everything was going up in flames. When he saw me, he shouted, "Charles, where's your mother?" When I told him I didn't know, he said, "Find her. Bring her here. She will never see anything like this as long as she lives."

The next morning, Edison looked at the ruins and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew."

Three weeks after the fire, Edison managed to deliver his first phonograph.

TODAY: "Today, just do what your Father has already called you to do: 'Come apart and seek The Lord, Come UP a little higher,' Then watch Him usher you out of your present detour and straight into your destiny. Come and Worship with a Thankful heart; Come to Me for Rest; Come to Me for your deliverance; Come to Me today and be set free. 'I Am' is above all the things that steel your resting place with Me; come today and seek My Face; those of you who will seek My face today will find intimacy with Me."

<u>Graham Cooke</u>: When we are transformed by the renewing of our mind, we think like a saint and not a sinner. Living in Jesus means that our lenses completely change because we now have His mind, giving us a better way of thinking and seeing about our reality and circumstances. It's a complete paradigm shift in our perception; one that allows us to enter the depth and power of His grace in order to become Christlike. This is what it means to have the mind of Christ, the mind of a saint.

God Doesn't Discriminate. Never!! The truth is that it doesn't matter whether you are succeeding or failing. God isn't going to love you any differently. You can be the best person there is. He will love you 100%. You can be a total abject failure, He will still love you 100%.

## That is one of the things that I love most about the Lord: His love never discriminates.

We discriminate, but He doesn't. And we need to start thinking like this, if we are going to live an upgraded life in Jesus.

However, when we live in a culture that only loves what it values or what it's attracted to, we actually start to think that God does the same. Our culture is attracted to success and despises failure. And somehow this thinking has snuck into the whole Christian world, and some of us have come to believe that "I'm a failure," and "God is fed up with me."

This is far from the truth. He has never looked at you as a failure or been fed up with you.

He knows you, and He is 100% committed to who you are. Honestly, God doesn't see any difference between success and failure when it comes to love. Agape is absolute unconditional love to the whosoever. You don't have to be good, you don't have to be great. You can be loved no matter who you are, no matter where you are, no matter what is occurring in your life, whether you are handling it well or whether you are handling it very badly.

Agape love is the one we find in 1 John 4:16: "We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love. (God is agape.) And the one who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him." The essential meaning of agape is an exercise of the Divine will of God in deliberate choice.

God know everything about you and He has set His heart to AGAPE LOVE you 100%!! TODAY!!!