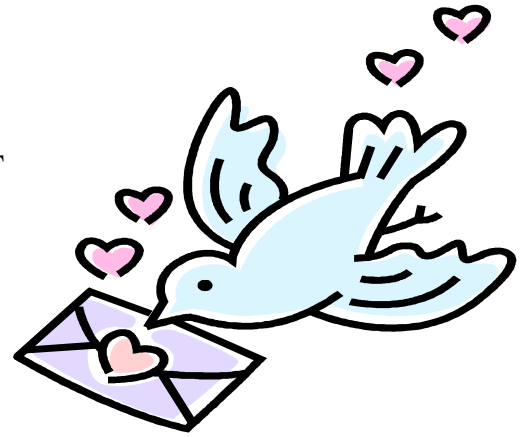




A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT  
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“JUST FOR TODAY”



We are in the first few months of the New Year. Although we have plans, dreams, and hopes for this new year – none of us know what it will be. Even vision and purpose for this year is in God’s hands. The past is behind us, the future is before us, we don’t know the future except for God’s promises. God in His great love and care for us has given us today.

We need to concentrate and live today for the Lord. Christ is our life (Colossians 3:4) and we can live each day for Him. The Lord said *“So don’t be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time.”* (Matthew 6:34 LB) Since our times are in His hands (Psalms 31:15 NIV) – how wonderful of the Lord to ask us to concentrate on this day. *“This is the day the Lord has made – let us rejoice and be glad in it.”* (Psalm 118:24). This is not a day that any man made for us – He made it for us. Another day – a day to honor Him (1 Samuel 2:30 NIV), acknowledge Him in all our ways (Prov. 3:6 NIV), seek Him as our vital necessity and our first need (Psalms 22:26, 42:1, and 69:32 AMP) A day of great thankfulness! A day of prayer (all the way through) – for us, for others, and for those who don’t know Him yet. A day of inviting Him into every circumstance and situation. A day to bless any and all around us (and not just we ourselves.) A day to “soak ourselves” in His Word – as He teaches us and reveals His Will and purpose for the day and our lives. A day to receive from Him. A day to go forward in Him. A day to be filled with His Spirit – going forth in new strength, power, and ability (freely given by Him). A day to use the gifts He so wonderfully gives. A day to learn to trust Him. A day to love Him and express that love. A day to freely join with those of like precious faith – to speak to Him and lift Him up – to strengthen one another and to grow in His ways (Colossians 3:12-14, Ephesians 4:29 AMP).

Because He made the day for us – it is to be used for His glory. Think of the things that bring Him Glory. Purposeful work – doing our best, with a right attitude – done (Ephesians 6:7, Colossians 3:23) heartily as unto Him brings Him Glory. Walking in the Love of God (Ephesians 5:2) toward all our families, our brothers and sisters in Christ, those we work for, and the unsaved, brings Him Glory. Using our time in the right way brings Him Glory. (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:12,13,14) Walking in kindness, compassion, and understanding toward others brings Him Glory. Speaking to others – sharing the “Good News” brings Him great glory. After God anointed Jesus he went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38). You have more to offer to others than you realize and the pattern of your life is as Jesus – going about doing good. Goodness in thought, word, prayer and deed (action). How shockingly different that is from the world. We are to be different – the salt and the light of this world – a city on a hill that

cannot be hid, a visible, touchable, manifestation of the Lord. People are waiting to see, hear, and experience the LOVE and POWER of GOD through us. What a responsibility – what a privilege.

Instead of being overwhelmed and fearful – let us remember He made this day – not only made it but gave it to us. The One who gives and gives again gave us this day! This day is a gift, a precious gift. A gift to be opened with great thankfulness and praise. A day to be marveled at. A day to be filled with Him in all His beauty and power. A day to remember we are not alone – for He said, *“I will never leave you or forsake you.”* A day you walk through together. Whatever comes – He is with us. In trial or test, He is with us. In sorrow or grief, He is with us. In our need (whatever it may be) He is with us. In disappointment, frustration, or failure, He is with us. Whether we are up or down, in or out, He is with us. He can be trusted, leaned upon and truly is the One who sticks closer than a brother. (Prov. 18:24) He is at His best when the worst happens, when life is full of difficulties and when you don’t know what to do. He remains the same and NEVER changes in His Love for You! He chose you before the foundation of the world, is ever – working in your life (Phil. 1:6, Phil. 2:13) and has brought you to this day. He is faithful and has graven you on his hands (Isaiah 49:16 AMP). He is this day your Savior, deliverer, your hope, your strength, your rescuer, the lover of your soul, the mender of your heart, your provider, your sustainer, your helper, the One who deeply cares for you! Your protector, your need-meeter, your councilor, the One who leads and guides you (John 16:13 AMP) into all truth and the One who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy.... (Jude 24 NIV)

From the beginning of your life to the end of it He remains faithful!

Fill your day with HIM. Look to HIM. (Hebrews 12:2). Not a glance but a gaze. “Moses held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him who is invisible.” (Hebrew 11:27 AMP) The same Scripture in “The Message” says, “He had his eye on the one no eye can see, and kept right on going.” What a privilege to look to Him and for Him in the midst of our day. How wonderfully He will surprise us and help us!

Remember that He is our High Priest – approachable and touchable. *“We don’t have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He’s been through weakness and testing, experienced it all – all but the sin. So let’s walk right up to Him and get what He is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.”* (The Message-Hebrews 4:15,16)

May every day be filled for you with the Wonder of His Person, the blessing of His Presence and His Grace outpoured on you and for you in your every need. He is worthy of our praise!



May His Love and Grace be yours today –

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