

# A Word Of Hope

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” Proverbs 25:11

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## His Mercies Are New Every Morning

**Lamentations 3:21-23** This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

It is hard to fully comprehend mercy. The dictionary defines *mercy* as- a disposition to be kind and forgiving; to show undeserved compassion and kindness.

One of the most wonderful feelings is to know that you have been given a fresh start - a clean slate with a new beginning. To know that all of the sins and mistakes you made yesterday are behind you and you have woken up to a blank page full of opportunity.

Every morning God offers us the ability to enjoy a brand new day on a brand new page. None of us can go back to yesterday and change actions or words spoken. We can't undo or retract things that have been done. But we do have the opportunity to start today with a new heart and new decisions. When we confess our sins and weaknesses God is faithful to forgive us (I John 1:9), wiping clean the offenses against us. God gives us the second chance to make changes in our life. In ourselves such changes may seem impossible but His word tells us that his Mercies are also new each morning. Cont.



Each day God gives us a fresh supply of mercy to be applied to whatever need we may encounter. His guidance and correction help us learn from yesterday's mistakes and his strength gives us the ability to change and be different as we move forward.

How awesome it is to know that when I wake up I will not have exhausted the Lord's mercies on yesterday's struggles and needs.

God's faithfulness is amazing. I can't fully comprehend or understand it. Everyday He knows exactly what I'll need and everyday He provides for it in advance.

You may be thinking of yesterday's mistakes. You may need God's mercy right now even as you are reading. Have hope. There is an abundant supply waiting for you. Even at this moment God's mercies are flowing toward you. ☞

*Great is Thy Faithfulness.*

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*Morning by morning*

*New mercies I see.*

*All I have needed*

*Thy hand has provided.*

*Great is Thy Faithfulness,*

*Lord unto me.*

## From the Founder's Pen ~~~

Dear Readers,

Welcome to spring! It's hard to believe the winter is over already. How refreshing to see a new season full of hope and life unfold before us. Just as the farmer begins to plan his plowing and planting for this year's harvest, we should also prepare the soil of our hearts and anticipate a new season of growth in our spirits. God desires to plant some new things in you this spring that will bring forth an abundant harvest for his glory.

I encourage you to sow with faith and joy. Water your soul diligently with the Word of God and prayer. Weed out the intruders of doubt and unbelief and then leave the results to God. He will bring the increase!

*In His Service,  
Cheryl Botelho*

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## ***An Increase of Faith***

**Luke 17:5** *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"*

**Romans 10:17** *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

**Hebrews 11:6** *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

God's Word tells us that in order to come to Him we must have faith. We must believe that He exists and will be found by those who seek for Him. Our entire relationship with God is based on faith. By faith we believe He is real. By faith we pray expecting Him to hear and answer. Faith is something that we exercise. In fact, without faith, it is impossible to please God. And though it may start small, faith has the ability to grow and increase.

The disciples asked, "Lord, increase our faith." This was an acknowledgement and confession that their faith had limits. Though they had faith for some things they knew they needed more. Bigger struggles require our faith to stretch and grow. The bigger the need the more faith we will need so that we do not doubt. Asking God for more faith does not make us weak. It makes us honest. It causes us to see and admit that we have limitations and we need more of God.

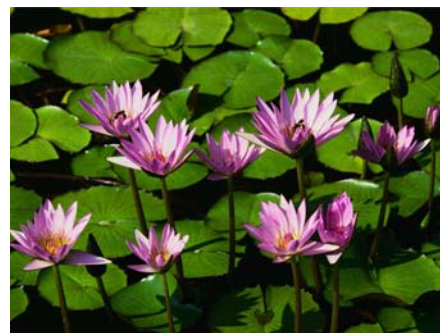
But where does our faith come from? Is it something that we alone must muster up? Paul tells us in Romans that "Faith comes from hearing and hearing comes from the Word of God." God has provided even faith for us.

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**"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."** **Romans 12:3**

None of us can say we are better or more spiritual than the other for God has given each of us all that we need to have faith. As we read God's Word and digest it into our spirits our faith increases. When I read about God's faithfulness and His power I am encouraged to believe for greater things. I find hope in reading the words 'nothing is impossible for God.'

Are you facing a struggle that requires more faith than you have? Admit it and ask God to increase your faith. Begin to read and digest His Word. In time you will see your faith rise to a new level and grow beyond its current boundary. Even now, may your faith increase to believe it! ☞



**"God does not shield us from life's storms; He shelters us in the midst of life's storms."**

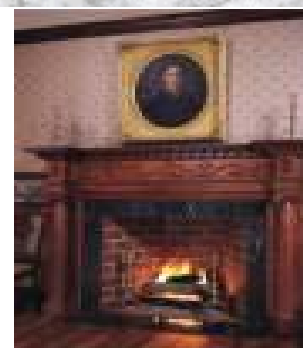
**"If not for change...we would never experience the excitement of growth!"**

## ***Silent Conversations By the Fireplace***

There is a word that keeps coming to my heart these last few days. I am not here to please man. I am here to please God and God alone. Yes, at times what I do may earn the applause of those around me, but there will be times when the only applause for what I have done will come from heaven. No one will hear it but me.

There will be those times when what I am called to do does not line up with the world or even those around me. It is then I must trust that my heart has heard a heavenly voice. It is then I must choose between heaven and earth – between the narrow and the wide.

Not everyone will understand you when you are called by the Lord. Not everyone will understand why you do what you do. But God will know and as long as He knows then it will be enough. *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* **Prov. 14:12** No matter what the cost. No matter how lonely the journey, I cannot always strive to please man, but I must always strive to please God. ☞



***"Be still and know that I am God"***

## Four Steps to Salvation

**First - Recognize** that only God can save you. You cannot be saved because you are “doing the best you can,” or because of your religious efforts. Your only salvation comes from what Jesus Christ did for you on the Cross of Calvary. *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God- not of works lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

**Second – Confess** that you cannot save yourself, that you are a sinner worthy of God’s righteous judgment because everyone has sinned. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” (Romans 3:23) “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)*

**Third – Believe** the good news that Christ died for you and that He rose from the dead and now lives to save all who are willing to come to Him. *“Wherefore he (Jesus) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25) “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)*

**Fourth – Trust** God’s sure promise, not your feelings. You are forgiven because God loved you and would not leave you in your sinful condition. By faith declare that you are saved through the Blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross as payment for your sins. *(John 3:16) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* Openly confess Him as your Lord & Savior. *“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.” (Romans 10:10-11)*

*Take a moment and talk to God now. Don’t worry about what to say. It’s not your fancy words He is listening to... It’s your heart.*

## On the Horizon!

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## Holding Out HOPE to the Hurting!



### ***PRAISE REPORT!***

## **StreetLight**

***Shining the Love of Christ to  
those who live on the streets.***

God has definitely exceeded my expectations again. This year your generosity helped us supply over 400 blankets and winter items to those in shelters and on the street. What a blessing to see the love of God shed abroad in the hearts of those in need. Many thanks to all of you who helped to make our 2005 Blanket & Winter Coat drive a great success! May the Lord bless you abundantly and supply all of your needs throughout the summer ahead.

### ***PRAISE REPORT!***

## **Fresh Encounter 2005 Conference**

It's hard to know where to begin. The Lord moved in such a mighty way on hearts it was amazing. Over 180 were in attendance from area churches as we came together to worship the Lord in one accord. Truly it was an anointed time as the speakers poured out their hearts. A ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation flowed in a way I had never seen or experienced before in the Body of Christ. Many people were restored and reconciled and testimonies continue to come in from people who say they will never be the same again. To God be the Glory! Great things He has done!

DVD copies of both Sessions are available to order by going to our Web site or writing to the address above.

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