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ROCK Referral Ministry of ROCK-Reclaim Our Culture Kentuckiana

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: "...For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent Me..." John 6:38

Choosing the Will of God

Jesus was very clear with the Jews in stating that His intent here on earth was to do His Father's will, not His own, as shown above in our meditation Scripture. Jesus had no other agenda. The Father sent Him to earth to make a way for mankind to be reconciled to God through the work of the cross and resurrection, paying for the sins of the world, which came into being through the disobedience of Adam.

Jesus was even more explicit when He declared to the Jews in an earlier teaching, saying, "...I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me..."

King David, who was described as a man after God's own heart, knew the wisdom and value of doing the Father's will. In Psalm 40:8, he wrote, "I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart." The Hebrew word for delight describes a person whose bent or inclination is towards something particular, which produces pleasure in the one taking delight. In another Psalm, 143:10, David writes, "Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Here David acknowledges that choosing God's will is something one must be taught by the Spirit of God. So, David's inclination or bent to do God's will was something he learned. Man's natural inclination is towards sin, but David learned the lesson to the point of that desire to do His will becoming his natural bent.

But even with his inclination to do the Father's will, we know there were times when David did not choose it. He was an adulterer and a murderer, a deceiver and disobedient to God. In all of these things, David had the chance to choose Father's will, but didn't.

We have the same ability, responsibility really, and instruction to choose to do Father's will in our lives today. Paul instructs the Ephesians in 5:15-17, "Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil (hurtful, diseased, lewd). So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

We can understand what the will of the Lord is through the Scriptures, through prophetic words, through taking counsel with other believers we trust, and through the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our prayer life. Remember that doing the will of God is tied to eternal life with Him as stated in 1 John 2:17, "And the world is passing away, and also its lusts;

but the one who does the will of God abides forever." The choice of how we will spend eternity is ours to make. What's your choice?

Responses From You

From a brother in Asia: Hi Daniel. Thanks for keep sending me this newsletter. Thanks for helping me to grow when I was in Louisville. Please pray that I may recognize His leading, since I feel a strong desire to minister to people who struggle like me...Your ministry is so helpful for people like us. Keep doing it.

From a brother in TX: This has been a very difficult distinction for me over the years. It's quite simple really, but many people have tried to make me think I need to rid myself of SSA in order to be acceptable to God. SSA is just a propensity I can say no to.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, May 4, 2017; Thursday, May 18, 2017 Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, May 9, 2017; Tuesday, May 23, 2017 Abba's Delight Board Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2017

Upcoming Monthly Prayer Initiatives

Louisville Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 7:00-8:30am, Ramada Inn on Zorn Ave at I-71 in Louisville. \$6.00 for continental breakfast. Everyone is invited to attend. May speaker is Seth Michaels of Young Life.

1 Voice Prayer Movement, Friday, May 5, 2017, 6:00pm at Energized Baptist Church, 3107 7th Street Rd, Louisville, KY Everyone is invited to attend.

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

New Life Church, Goose Creek Rd in Louisville, KY. Wednesday, May 5, 2017 at 7:00pm. Our final teaching in the 4-week Sexuality series. Kevin Woo will teach on The Beauty of Sex in Marriage. Daniel Mingo of Abba's Delight will participate in the 45 minute Q&A session at the end of the teaching.

Aldersgate Renewal Ministries Conference, Lexington, KY Convention Center, June 29-July 2, 2017. Daniel Mingo of Abba's Delight will present a workshop called The Power of God's Word. Abba's Delight will also have a table to exhibit the ministry.

Hope for Wholeness annual conference, Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC, July 11-16, 2017. Daniel Mingo of Abba's Delight will present a workshop to be named at a later date, and one guy in our Overcomers Group will share his testimony in a general session.

Scholarship Fund for the Hope for Wholeness Conference

There are a number of participants in the Abba's Delight Overcomers Support Group who would like to attend this year's Hope for Wholeness conference, but will be unable to do so without financial assistance. If you have the financial means to go, but will be otherwise engaged from July 11-16th, please prayerfully consider subsidizing someone else's opportunity. The average cost for conference fee, accommodations (sharing a room) and meal plan is \$600 per person for the six day event. Please make your tax-deductible checks to payable to Abba's Delight, noted for the HFW Scholarship Fund, and mail them to the address at the top left corner of the first page of this newsletter.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. We are beginning to see some answered prayer around being invited into churches. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage. Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being prepared Biblically with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly, or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay and transgender life in our culture. Thank you.

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25