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He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously, that we may present the fruit of our lips. Assyria will not save us, we will not ride on horses; nor will we say again 'Our god,' to the work of our hands; for in You the orphan finds mercy." I will heal their betrayal, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon. His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon. Those who live in his shadow will again raise grain, and they will blossom like the vine. His renown will be like the wine of Lebanon. O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like a luxuriant cypress; from Me comes your fruit. Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of the Lord are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but transgressors will stumble in them. Hosea 14

Our Addictions Are as Israel's Idolatry

As Israel often turned away from God to follow their own paths, what they turned towards were idols, thinking those powerless images would provide for them what God knew would destroy them. Time and again they would stray; then time and again they would see their error, and come crying back to Him. Yet God was ever faithful to His chosen people Israel.

God spoke through the prophet Hosea in his final recorded words, telling Israel exactly how He felt about the Jews. His words of love and care and protection of them promise an infinitely better life than the one they would choose for themselves outside of His will for them.

For those of us who struggle with addictions and their behaviors that are, in fact, idols in our lives, we are drawn to the lies told us by the enemy of our souls, thinking we can deal with the pains of life better if we indulge those cravings rather than submit to what we know God's will to be for us. Often, it can take years for us to learn those lessons sufficient enough for us to choose God's loving, caring, protective path each and every time there's a choice to be made. Through the process, our faith and trust towards Him can grow so that those choices become much easier as we mature.

The Messianic Christian music group Lamb wrote a song based on our meditation Scripture passage Hosea 14. Here is the YouTube link. I hope this love song speaks to you as much as it has to me this last month. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--60VmCRYLE

Responses From You

From and IN reader: Thank you, Daniel. This topic is even more relevant today as the culture focus on shame. It seems, then, that the antidote for shame is sharing, so the enemy can be exposed.

From a FaceBook reader: Yes! How I was taught that helped me discern what was what is: Satan condemns. God convicts. Am I lead to hate myself, feel worthless, give up? That's condemnation. Am I lead to repent, turn away, get back up again and learn to rest in Jesus more? That's conviction. And that's the difference of shame (condemnation) vs guilt (conviction).

From another FaceBook reader: Thank you for this! Very enlightening and encouraging and very needed today!!

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 7:00pm Annual Christmas Party Overcomers Group: Thursday, December 5, 2019, 7:00pm Annual Christmas Party

Upcoming Prayer Initiatives

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, December 4, 2019. 7:00am. Fern Creek Christian Church, Corner of Bardstown Rd and Seatonville Rd. Ministry Exhibitors. Speaker is Gregg Dedrick of Iron Bell Ministries. Reservations required this month. Call 502-457-8570 for reservations, ask for Laura. No charge this month.

1 Voice Prayer Movement: Friday, December 7, 2019; 6:00pm. Stoner Memorial AME Zion Church, 1127 West Oak Street, Louisville, KY 40210

End of Year Giving

A big THANK YOU! To those who have already begun including Abba's Delight in your year-end charitable giving. We have just over a month left to include your tax-deductible gifts for 2019. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- New participants for our Overcomers Group
- New members for our Family & Friends Group
- Ministry finances

- Open doors to churches so pastors and staff can be effectively equipped
- Opportunities to exhibit Abba's Delight ministry at outside conferences

• Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry that they would continue to grow closer to the Lord and fulfill each of their destinies in Him

• The Hope for Wholeness Network (of which Abba's Delight is a referral ministry) in selecting a new Executive Director

• 1 new female Director for Abba's Delight's Board. (If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact me).



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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