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

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Decaying, Yet Being Renewed

Last month, at the beginning of June, I turned 70. I guess that's a significant milestone. According to statistics I was able to find on the Internet, (and we all know everything there is true), somewhere around 9% of the world's population is about where I am and 16% of the U.S. population is 70 or above. In my family of origin, out of the six brothers and one sister, all of us are still alive except one; a brother whom we lost to cancer in 2013 at 53. Both my parents made it into their 90s before they passed away. So, if hereditary has any say in the matter, I may still be here a while.

I've been walking with the Lord for 52 years. I've been married to Fran for almost 39. I've been a father to three sons for 37 years. I've been in addiction recovery for 29 years, and I began my 20th year in ministry this past June. That seems like a lot to cram into one life; on the other hand, I have a sense that there's way more to come.

Some days I don't feel my age at all. Other days, I feel every bit of 70, and more...although I don't personally know what the more would feel like because I'm not there yet. I guess it's a good thing that it's wise not to rely on my feelings, but rather stand on the Truth. That Truth is Jesus.

I used to compare myself to other believers: their lives, their accomplishments, their ministries, their marriages, etc. That is, until the Lord spoke to my heart several years ago that "Comparison is the thief of contentment." Paul talks about our life in the Lord being a race to be run, and that we should run for the prize; the prize being Jesus. But it's not a race against other believers, it's a race against ourselves. It's a race to live in obedience; a race to learn to love as God loves; a race to live in that contentment without succumbing to carnal comparisons; a race to apprehend that for which we were apprehended as Paul says about

himself and his calling. I choose my yardstick and plumbline to be Jesus; nothing else nor no one else.

Even though my body is decaying, in my spirit I don't want to be finished with my race. There is more godly wisdom to acquire; there is more sin to overcome; there are more believers to disciple; there are more lives to influence for the kingdom of God. On the other hand, Paul said that to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But it's not my choice, because my Father knows the length of my days. I guess I'll let Him decide, and I'll keep pressing on.

Responses From You

From a business/ministry leader in Louisville, KY: Praise to God for your service, Daniel.

From a ministry leader: Greetings, Daniel. This is an excellent article on our true identity. God bless you...It is my pleasure to support you in prayer and in words of encouragement. God's abundant blessings!

From one of my best friends: This was an apt word against the perversion of identity that's run amok in our society.

From a local pastor: May the God of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless you and your family. Strong message of truth.

From a Louisville brother in Christ: This is so true brother. We either find our identity outside of ourselves in Christ and live in the peace of that perfect, objective identity, or we look inside ourselves and we stumble over the chaos of our ever-changing subjective whims. The false gospel that truth, joy, hope, and meaning is found by seeking our "authentic" inner self is destroying civil society.

From a sister in Australia: So good. Never tire of reading these scriptures and being reminded of these truths. Thanks for writing this today. So needed to read this.

From another sister in Christ: WOW! Thank you! What a great prayer of confirmation!

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, August 4, 2022; Thursday, August 18, 2022

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, August 9, 2022; Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Ongoing Prayer Requests

New Participants for Overcomers Group • New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives) • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends • Continued freedom to operate ministry in Kentucky • Smooth establishment of new network, Transformation Ministries Alliance

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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