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

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You. Ps 51:12,13*

Turning the Corner on the Draught

Just over a year-and-a-half ago, I wrote about a dry spell in the Lord I'd been going through for several months at that time. I talked about how I was keeping up my spiritual disciplines, but it was just a season I was enduring and had no end in sight. I believe that season is ending.

Last month in January, when our church congregation was doing its annual week-long prayer with fastings, the Lord directed me to embark on a 21-day fast, something I've never done. Because of health issues, I chose to fast from some specific foods that I love and eat regularly; rather than doing a complete food fast.

It was during this time that I began noticing a shift in my heart towards the Lord and His ways. That shift was connected to a Holy Spirit conviction towards repentance. My concentration was more centered on having a thankful heart, which was somewhat surprising because over the years it seemed like the Lord had developed that sufficiently in me. I chuckle at that, even as I'm writing "developed that sufficiently in me". But as I became more thankful, it seemed the Lord was restoring some joy to me that I'd lost long ago. And it seemed that it was being coupled with a renewing of my mind as I took on a greater Scripture content in my daily devotions since the beginning of the year.

It seems like it was a couple of months ago now that I saw previews for the Jesus Revolution movie that was just released this past week. I've been excitedly waiting for it because I was saved in that movement. My wife and I saw the movie yesterday and it was powerful for me experiencing memories of the early Jesus music; the clothes (that I really do miss sometimes); the gospel being preached to me for the first time including the message "You must be born-again;" the surrendering of my life and will to the Lord; the excitement of coming together for prayer and worship and bible study when it wasn't even a Sunday; my spiritual family gathering and celebrating God's love for us and our love for Him.

And then three weeks ago, hearing that the Holy Spirit had again descended upon about 20 students at Asbury University just down the road from where I grew up and got born-again; hearing that at the end of their regularly scheduled morning chapel service they were compelled by the Holy Spirit to stay and continue to worship and pray, which turned into confession and repentance and humble prayer before the Lord; and that went on for 17 days straight, non-stop. And this was significant for me, because in 1970 when it happened the last time there, which was part of the larger Jesus Movement depicted in the Jesus Revolution movie that just came out, it was during this time that I was born-again: February 27, 1970.

In all of these things since the first of the year: the fasting with prayers, repentance, an increased thankfulness of heart, some joy being restored, the renewing of my mind, the excitement and anticipation of seeing the Jesus Revolution movie, and the Asbury Outpouring...all of these things it seems the Lord has used to help me turn the corner on the draught I've been in for over a year-and-a-half. It wasn't God who had shifted, it was I who had slowly moved away from Him; and I really hadn't noticed it at the time. I am so glad and thankful to be making my way back.

Thank You, Father! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Holy Spirit! May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth, and in my life, as it is in heaven. Let it be so continually!

[Responses From You](#)

From a sister in Louisville: Awesome. Congratulations. Oh Happy Days.

From a brother in the northeast: Thank you.

From a dear former co-worker: Your posts always inspire me, Daniel. This post was especially meaningful. I've had too many people in my life with one kind of addiction or another. The scriptures you included were very meaningful. Once again, thank you for your regular posts. I am always blessed.

From a sister in OH: Such wisdom! I love your testimony. In addition, I love that you keep it real. May the Lord be your strength until He takes you home.

From a brother in NYC: That's amazing! The Holy Spirit spoke to me in a similar way when I went through recovery, showing me that He was already taking me through the steps. These scriptures make them even more powerful.

From a sister in Dallas, TX: This is awesome! I too find the steps when used alongside scriptures to be very helpful in terms of accountability.

[Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, February 2, 2023

Overcomers Group: Thurs., March 2, 2023; Thurs., March 16, 2023; Thurs., March 30, 2023

[Upcoming Conferences](#)

Transformation Ministries Alliance first annual conference “Epic Transformation”. June 22-24, 2023 at The Ark Encounter in Williamsburg, KY. To register, go to www.TMAcorp.org

[Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselors • 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 • Possible return trip to Australia in 2023.

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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