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

# THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: "...Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill..." Matt 5:17

#### It Has Always Been About Jesus

Earlier this month as we were entering the Christmas season, I attended the annual meeting of the Louisville Prayer Breakfast, as I have for the past 11 years. This organization started just after World War II by soldiers returning from the war, desiring to pray for our city of Louisville, KY. This was the 77<sup>th</sup> gathering. This year there were about 150 who attended, and I was asked to read Scripture as part of the program. The following are passages the Lord gave me as I prepared, telling the prophetic story of Jesus first coming.

**Isaiah 7:14...**Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Imanuel. He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose good.

**Isaiah 9:6,7...**For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

**Isaiah 11:1-5...**Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist.

**Micah 5:2-5a...**But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be the ruler of Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity. Therefore, He will give them up until the time when she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren will return to the sons of Israel, and He will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth. And this One will be our peace...

**Matthew 1:18-23...**Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His Mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord thought the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated, means, "God with us."

#### **Responses From You**

From a Louisville business leader: Daniel, what a great testimony to the Godly woman you have been blessed with. Faithful support from a wife is a very precious gift.

From a dear sister Downunder: Fran, you are a blessing. By walking the road of forgiveness and healing in your heart and family, you have shown that it is possible for others to do the same. Thank you.

From and old friend: Beautiful tribute, Daniel.

From a sister in the Lord: wow thank you Daniel for sharing. your wife's decision to immediately and completely forgive you is so extraordinary, it must be from God. i have never been married before but i, as a young woman, would imagine that i wouldn't be able to immediately and completely forgive my future husband for infidelity unless God did a miraculous work in my heart. I'm happy for you and your wife. Again, thank you for sharing ~ being vulnerable and honest inspires many people to do so as well. "In our weakness, His glory appears!"

From a fellow Overcomer: All I can say is WOW!!!! You're so blessed! We survived too, but our struggle was a lot more fraught with ups & downs.

From another Overcomer: Fran is a one in a million woman. We love you both. And another Overcomer: Such and amazing woman!

#### Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, January 4, 2024; Thursday, January 18, 2024 Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

## End Of Year Giving

I want to thank everyone who has generously donated to Abba's Delight this year. Your prayers, love, and support have enabled participation in three ministry trips. There is so much more we can accomplish in the Lord through your financial boost. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us either one-time or monthly tax-deductible gifts. Checks can be mailed to the P O Box at the top of the opening page of the newsletter; or you can go to the website and give online through PayPal. Thank you so much for your consideration.

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselees • 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 KY. Continued speaking engagements.



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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