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Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry

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

**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE:** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:11-14*

### [Permission to Say "NO!"](#)

In 12-step addiction recovery programs, Step 1 calls for the addict to recognize and accept that he/she is powerless over their addiction. For some, this is easy; for others, it is quite difficult. The addict often makes this step more complicated than it needs to be. For the Christian, as we see in this month's meditation Scripture passage, God's grace teaches us that in our salvation experience and process we must "deny ungodliness and worldly desires..." In other words, we are to give no place to them in our call to righteous living. We struggle with our desires, we fight against temptation, but often end up giving in when we feel the battle becomes too fierce, choosing to end the skirmish (temporarily) by indulging our sin. Then, of course, after we give in to the sin, we often find ourselves clumsily navigating through the cycle of shame for having fallen...again.

For many of us, in our minds we believe that it's a foregone conclusion that we'll end up giving in when the temptation to sin enters our minds, so we may as well just not fight and go ahead and repeat the lust-temptation-sin-shame process, getting it over with until the next time we're attacked. But in all of this disorder, we forget one very important truth.

We must **give ourselves permission to say "no"** to temptation. We know that we are instructed to avoid sin as our passage above tells us, but we also need to learn to speak to our souls as David did in the Psalms and **give ourselves permission** to deny ungodliness and our worldly desires. I have seen this intent become a revelation for strugglers who felt their only alternative was eventually to give in to their sin each time the inclination struck, but we don't have to live there.

In James 4:7, we are told, "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." I've heard this verse misquoted and mishandled many times when people have said they resisted the devil, but he didn't flee, and then wonder why they don't have victory. First, we must be submitted to God, then when we resist, the enemy will flee. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:18 to flee sexual immorality. Fleeing sexual immorality reminds me of the story of Joseph when he fled from Potipher's wife who pursued him to have sex with her. He did not want to offend God, or her husband who was his boss. She lied about Joseph to Potipher and Joseph ended up in prison. He chose correctly, even to his own hurt. And God used it to advance Joseph toward His own purposes for His people Israel.

We have the command to say no from Paul, we have the process from James by which we can avoid giving in to temptation to sin. We must act on the Scriptures by giving ourselves permission to say no to those temptations to help us remain in holiness and in right standing with God our Father. Each time you have a choice, give yourself permission to say "NO!" and stand your ground.

### **Responses From You**

From a sister in Australia: Thanks Daniel, a pleasure to read your newsletter. And again, so grateful for your input into Converge. I am so pleased that Shirley will be joining you soon for the conference. She is a wealth of wisdom & cares deeply for those that have strayed & lost their way. Thank you for looking after her well.

From a brother in Louisville: Received. Thank you.

### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Overcomers Group: Thurs, July 26, 2018; Thurs, August 9, 2018; Thurs, August 23, 2018

Family & Friends Group: Tues, July 31, 2018; Tues, August 14, 2018; Tues, August 28, 2018

### **Upcoming Prayer Initiatives**

God Belongs In My City: Big 4 Bridge in Louisville. Next walk is on Saturday, July 28th 10:00am. Meet in the Silver Parking Lot, on the Kentucky side. Save the date for August's walk, Saturday, August 25th.

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 7:00-8:30am, at the Ramada Inn on Zorn Avenue at I-71. Our August speaker is David Cobb with the Isaiah House Treatment Center. \$6.00 Continental Breakfast

1 Voice Prayer Movement: Friday, August 3, 2018, 6:00pm at New Zion Baptist Church, 1501 South 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40211

### **Upcoming Conference**

Help4Families: Hope Gathering 2018, July 27-28, Evangel North at 1732 Thanos Drive in Clarksville, IN (Daniel will be exhibiting Abba's Delight and sharing his testimony) General, \$75; Pastors/Students, \$60 For more information, go to [www.help4families.com](http://www.help4families.com)

### **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 being served by Abba's Delight ministry currently 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

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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***