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You Are all I need

By Marilyn Middleton, August 5, 2023

*Dear Lord, this lesson for today
came as I met challenges that occurred
along the way.*

*You have given me the strength and
stamina I need to do
the things each day that I must do.*

*If others see my plight and lend a helping
hand,
That's truly a gift from You but, one I don't
expect or demand.*

*You know exactly what I need to meet the
tasks each day
so that I can live my life in Your service,
come what may.*

*I can't expect others to know that my
strength affects what I do
Just as I can't comprehend the obstacles
they overcome to live their lives for You.
Help me to remember each day is a gift
from You. And time for me to know You
always provide a way
for me to accomplish what You have
planned if I but trust and obey*

*So thank You for this truth that you are all
I need. You provide the way for me to over-
come things great and small
and I praise You for it all. #*

Prayer and Worry

The Apostle Paul wrote from the depths of a Roman prison cell the essence of true prayer (Philippians 4:6-7):

- ♦ We are to **be careful for nothing**. That is, we are not to be over-careful, not to worry or be anxious. Why? Because we

have an all knowing, all loving, all powerful Heavenly Father.

- ♦ As we **go to God in thanksgiving** we show our gratitude which is pleasing to Him and helpful to us. **A joyful heart** (Ps. 19) affects us physically and affects those around us, as well.
- ♦ **Let your requests be made known to God**. Take all of our concerns, make them known to God and *leave them there*. Isn't He able to do all things?
- ♦ **Go with expectation** that God will provide everything (1John 15:14-15).
- ♦ A promise is clearly given to us that **His peace will rest upon** us if we trust Him.

So prayer and anxious care are incompatible. Prayer and worry are on the opposite ends of life.

Someone once said - *Why pray when you can worry?* God says- *Why worry when you can pray?*#

Julies' Testimony

About a week and a half ago, during a storm, a limb from my neighbor's tree fell on my driveway. It missed the house by an inch and my car by about a foot and the privacy fence on the other side by an inch or two. I found someone who was able to move it off the driveway later that day so I could get my car out of the driveway. The man who came told me that several other limbs hanging over my driveway are also ready to fall and said that when he has time he will come and trim them for me. Julie Schroeder, 7-2026. #

Talking With the Lord

For many years I misunderstood “Have I told You lately that I love You” the song written by Van Morrison and made popular by Rod Stewart. Then I really looked at the words:

*Have I told you lately that I love you
Have I told you there’s no one else above you
You fill my heart with gladness
Take away all my sadness
Ease my troubles, that’s what you do.*

*For the morning sun and all it’s glory
Greets the day with hope and comfort too
You fill my life with laughter
and somehow, you make it better
Ease my troubles, that’s what you do.*

*There’s a love that’s divine
And it’s yours and it’s mine
Like the sun
And at the end of the day
We should give thanks and pray
to the one.#*

God, I love You

God, You have been so good to me. My days are often challenging, but looking back at my life, I see that You have always been with me through the ups and downs. I may not have everything I want, but I have everything I need. Life isn’t always easy, but that’s okay. Because I have You, and I’m never alone.

God, I love You. I’ll be still and trust in Your presence in my life. Thank You, God. With all my heart, I will continue to trust You. Until my last breath, I will praise God! (author unknown)#

*Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out
when you are in trouble.*

*Use it as a steering wheel that keeps you on
the right path throughout your life.*

Excerpts from The Final Testimony of the Messiah

- by HANANYAH, a prophet from Jerusalem taken from The Records of Three Fires.

...repentance is the gift that openeth the gate mercy hath already unlocked (11:5).

For humility is not the lowering of the head before men, but the surrendering of the will before God (11)...repentance practiced early becometh joy, but repentance delayed becometh sorrow (27).

Therefore confess your faults one to another with wisdom, not to be seen, but to be healed (29)

Daily obedience is the laying down of resentment before it hardeneth. It is the choosing of truth when deception would profit. It is the refusal to speak when silence preserveth peace. It is the courage to speak when silence would preserve injustice. It is the discipline to labor honestly when no eye observeth (23-27).

For the Messiah did not promise continual wonders, but continual presence (31).#

When you replace “why is this happening to me?” with “what is God trying to show me”, everything changes.

Tell Me Your Testimony

Testimony by Margaret Hobbs

I would like to share my testimony of how I became a member of the RLDS church. When I was in Jr. High, I met a girl named Sharon Hobbs. We were in the same P.E. class and when we played a sport that required a partner, Sharon and I would always choose each other. In high school we shared the same lunch hour and after eating we would sit on the steps by the door close to our next class and visit till the bell rang.

Sharon loved to talk about a young man named Paul Gage that she had met at a church camp. She also loved sharing about her church which had the longest name I had ever heard. "The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints". I told her that I belonged to the Vine Avenue Baptist Church..

One day Sharon, with her parents consent, invited me to spend the night at her house and meet her family. She had an older brother named Jimmy and a 3 year old little sister named Karen. Her parents were Jim and Alma Hobbs. My mother consented and after that visit it wasn't long before I was invited to church socials and occasionally Jimmy would take us to a drive-in movie.

After we graduated we all went our separate ways. I went to work as a telephone operator to help my mother with expenses. My father had been killed when I was eleven so mother received Social Security

checks for my brothers and I until we turned 18. When I was 19, she died when an aneurism around her heart ruptured.

In the meantime, I had fallen in love with Robert, the boy next door. After my mother died, Robert's mother let me live in one of her small rent houses which was close to where I worked. Robert went away to college to get a teaching degree planning to become a history teacher. During his senior year we got married and I moved up there to be with him. That's where our daughter, Lisa, was born. After he graduated we moved back to Odessa. When a teaching position didn't become available he applied for a job at a petrochemical complex in Odessa. They hired him and he went to work in one of their labs.

Eventually we had another daughter and named her Lora after my grandmother. One cold October day Robert left the house to go to work. This day he was working the 3 to 11 shift. An hour or two after he left I got really restless and decided to visit my mother-in-law. I bundled up my 3 month old little girl and my 3 year old and went to her house. I hadn't been there very long when she got a phone call telling here that there had been an accident and Robert was in the hospital. We left the girls with their grandfather and rushed up there. He was in ICU and they allowed us to go in and see him. He was severely burned from the waist up. (continued next page)

You will never know why prayer is so important until you understand that life is a battle (Eph. 6).

Tell Me Your Testimony

Margaret's Testimony continued

He was actually conscious and was able to talk to us at that point. We were not allowed to touch him but, we could spoon feed him ice chips.

We stayed as long as we could. Eventually they told us we had to leave. He died the next day. From that moment on I think I went on auto pilot. I did my grieving after I got the girls to bed. One night I was laying in bed feeling panicky, wondering what I was going to do. I started praying and in my minds eye I saw God's hand reach down to me. I knew then that things would get better and I would be alright. I reached up and took hold of that hand and have never turned it loose. I also started going back to my church occasionally. Jimmy's mom would come to visit me to see how I was doing. I always enjoyed her visits. I didn't particularly like the part of town where I lived so I sold my house and moved into one on the west side of town where I had grown up.

One day I passed a car wash and saw Jimmy washing his car. Another time I was looking out my bedroom window and saw him turn onto the street in front of my house. I thought - does he know I am here? I found out later that he lived in some apartments up the street from me. I began to think this was a "God thing". A few weeks later Jimmy's mom called and asked if she and Jim could come to visit me. I said sure. I would enjoy that. I soon began to suspect that Jimmy would be with them. Sure enough when they came to the door, he was. We had a nice visit and a few days later he called and asked if he could take me and the girls out for a

coke. I said yes and the rest is history. Eventually I was baptized and became an official member of the church with the long name.#

Wait until you realize the Jordan River didn't stop flowing before the first step of faith was taken. The waters stopped when the priests carrying the Ark stepped in first. Sometimes God waits for obedience before He reveals the miracle.

Missionary Trip to Argentina/Brazil

by Gary Metzger with Hugh Caldwell.

In about August, 2008, Nathan Sherer and I went to Buenos Aires and baptized a man. Afterwards, a man named Sixto came to visit us there and asked us many questions. He had been LDS. We exchanged contact information. Nathan shared with him for a while. Then there was no contact until July, 2025 - some 17 years later! It was then he had a dream and I was in it. Sixto messaged me on Facebook and I saw his message on August 17th. He had recognized me from the dream. In it, he saw me give him a hug and welcome him to the city of peace. He saw Nathan and many others present. He even saw Hugh, whom he had never before met. Sixto and I agreed that God desired us to get together so Hugh and I made plans to visit him in February of 2026. Before we arrived, Sixto arranged for us to meet a fellow lawyer (who I will call George) who was a member of the LDS community in Saenz Pena, Argentina. (continued next page)

Argentina/Brazil continued

When Sixto, Hugh and I met George at 10 p.m. on Feb. in his house, we shared testimonies. After George had asked the Lord to know about the truth of the Book of Mormon while holding it, he felt an angel touch him on the shoulder and the angel told him: "The book is true". I then told George that the Lord often ministers in special ways and often shortly before we arrive somewhere, the Lord will tell someone by dream or vision that we are coming, as he has done in Cuba, Africa and Brazil.

The next day, George introduced us to an indigenous community of the Mocoit tribe, near La Tigra, Chaco. George led us to the house of the chief, Timoteo. We visited with him briefly and gave him a copy of the Book of Mormon and discovered he had never seen it before. The chief then took us to meet some of the leaders of his 174-person community. To our amazement, Timoteo announced that we were invited back to share with them.

That evening we went to visit the Iglesia Pentecostal in the neighborhood of the indigenous population. They were having a special dance ceremony outside. Upon finishing the dance, the pastor, Jose Basque, announced that he recently had a revelation that people from outside their area were coming and they were going to share - just as we had mentioned the day before. Then we each shared a few minutes to greet the people present.

After those two encounters, we knew the Lord had prepared the way for us to return. So we returned in June and George met us again and we joined him with the

company of Sixto. Hugh and I met with a small group of leaders at the Iglesia Pentecostal and at about 3:45 p.m. Monday, June 15th. We had a time of prayer and adoration. We stood to sing and during the singing, a native lady moved upon by the Holy Spirit began to dance and sing in the middle of the circle. She (Rigiberta) came over and stood in front of Hugh and took his hand and put it on her hand for a blessing. The Spirit shortly before that had fallen upon Hugh and he prayed for her with great emotion. The Spirit then noticeably fell upon the whole assembly. Then later he testified that "the Spirit of God is here and there are angels". It was so noticeable that even George wrote a two-page testimony of "A Visitation of the Holy Spirit" and signed it and placed his seal as a lawyer on the document (which I have). We were asked to come back that night for church at 7 p.m.

Many shared at that service. Pastor Basque's mother shared that when she had her foot removed, she died in the operation. Her spirit left her body and she went to heaven and experienced the angels and the Lord said it wasn't her time and she returned to her body. She soon received the gift of tongues and revelations. She testified that an angel attends their services and then goes to heaven to report and write down their events. Hugh was asked to share after all the others shared, and challenged them to come up the mountain and receive revelation and ask God. There were about ten on the rostrum who were in charge of sharing and some ten in the seats.

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Tell Me Your Testimony

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Rogene's Testimony

My eyesight is diminished and I misplaced my phone. I searched and searched - on the dresser, on the floor, under the bed, but couldn't find it. I use it as a clock, as well as, a phone. I sat down and said: "Father, could you help me find the phone?" A thought then came that it was between the bed and the nightstand on the floor in the dark. It was there. God answered my prayer. I never would have found it otherwise. Rogene Moreno, 7-2026.#

Pat's Testimony

I had gone to bed feeling dizzy but ignored it and went to sleep. After a couple of hours I woke up laying flat in bed. I thought I was going to pass out. I called Don and told him I thought I needed to go to the hospital, something was wrong.

Long story short - the doctor told me if I hadn't gone to the hospital I probably wouldn't have woke up Saturday morning. I had blood clots in my lungs and the feeling I was going to pass out was the blood clots interfering with everything.

In connection with the blood clots the doctor wanted a CT Scan of my lungs. A couple of weeks later on the scan they found a growth in my right breast. So that turned into mammogram and no problem with the right breast but, there was a cancer in my left breast. Surgery and all removed - thank You Father. They were wanting me to consider radiology and/chemo treatments for prevention. I was administered to and had much prayer before the meeting with the doctors. Don and I decided to not take the prevention treatments hoping the doctors might agree. And blessings continue both doctors agreed with my age (80) that keeping my mammogram appoint-

ments I probably would be okay. So next June I'll go and be checked again and see what next. Pat Johnson, 7-2026.#

Be Ye Encouraged

by Sherrie Kline Smith,
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Being obedient to God's word and living a life of commitment requires perseverance and endurance on a Christian's part. In addition, a committed believer needs encouragement: (Clyde Noren, glyph notes, Vol.13 #5, 2006).

Here are some examples from Scripture:

- The Lord told Moses, *Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither; **encourage him**; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.* (Deut. 1:38)
- During a fierce battle against the Lamanites, the Nephites *were about to shrink and flee...Moroni, perceiving their intent, sent for the and **inspired their hearts**.* (Alma 20:53-54 and they defeated the Lamanites.
- "It is necessary that someone or more be sent to the South Sea Islands. The heaving of the sea beyond its bounds has been trying to the faith of many of the Saints in that far-off region. They should be visited and **comforted and encouraged**." (DC 127:5a-b).

Lord, stir us to speak encouraging words to each other in love that we may be the generation to achieve the spiritual condition needed for the return of the Kingdom.

Let us daily live as if we were already living in Zion! AND, remember, remember - The Book of Mormon contains the "fullness of the gospel" and a blueprint for Zion living.

There is hope smiling brightly before us!#