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Teach Me Your Paths

Psalm 25:1-5 (ESV)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Lately, the Lord has been stirring up my mind and heart by way of reminding me of an encounter I had with Him a few years ago during a time of great difficulty. This time of great difficulty was a serious illness in my gut and caused me much trouble for the period of about six months. It all started when I was asked to fly out to Colorado to share my story of redemption with a group of amazing people. On my way there I became severely ill. There were times ahead of me that I had not yet ever thought of encountering.

Like I said, it was a period of about six months after this that I worked my way through this illness. There were many ups and downs and for the majority of the six months I did not even know what was wrong with me. And then when I found it what was wrong with me, it was like no one had a direct answer to help me. As the Psalmist said, so I practiced continually, *“To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.”*

One day in particular, two dear family members in Christ brought me to one of my appointments with the doctor’s. Just as I expected, it was just another disappointing visit where I received no answers. When this brother and sister in Christ brought me home to drop me off, we had a time of prayer. They each prayed, then it was my turn, but I simply had no strength left in me to pray. In my heart, all I could think was I need to be alone and quiet with the Lord right now. I mentioned this to those with me and one of them offered that I go to the park. I said that I was looking for something else.

However, after they left, I thought about it and proceeded to the park. When I

arrived and parked the car, I noticed that there were no other cars there. While there, I found a desolate paved path with no one on it with a bench and knelt quietly beside the bench and just let out a deep heavy sigh from within. About 1-2 minutes later a voice called out behind me and said, "*son, are you alright.*" I got up and with tears down face explained to this man that no I was not alright. What happened next was absolutely miraculous. The man said, "*I am here to pray for you.*" I was ecstatic to receive this prayer and so the man prayed for me.

After this, I talked a little with the man, but he said something that stuck out to me even to this day. He said, "*I don't even know where I am, I have never been here before. I was driving down the road and the Lord spoke to me and said turn in here someone in here needs prayer.*" WOW! Praise the Lord!

As I mentioned earlier, the Lord has been stirring up my mind and heart by way of reminder. It happened as I was reading tis passage of Scripture and I thought how fitting this passage is to explain the God who loves us and desires to guide us as long as we trust in Him and wait on Him.

You see, the first part of the passage reads, "*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*" This to me means that when we put aside everything to life up our soul to God and place our trust in Him that no matter what is going on in our lives He is there and desires that we come to Him so that He alone can show us He is there and also to make us to know is ways and to lead us in His paths. I found this so amazing because the truth is that I was knelt down on a path and the Lord met me there to lead me forward from my plight.

I share this because I want to sow in your hearts some encouragement of the majesty and power of our God and how faithful He is to meet us where we are when we choose to stop and place our full trust in Him. You see I was not going to be satisfied with an earthly comfort or even an answer about my illness. I simply reiterated my need for none but God alone. I think we can all find those places in our lives where we need none but Jesus and are only awakened by an intense encounter with Him. Brothers and sisters, nothing else will satisfy a longing heart like the Lord our God. Therefore, let us strive to enter this place of rest where we wait on God for what He alone can offer.

Now, I realize that the Lord will not always show up in this same exact way. However, He is faithful to show up in a way that is tailored just for you, believe that.

We just want to pray for you, that our God would show up in your life as you wait only on Him. Lord, bless everyone reading this, help them in whatever struggle they may be going through and show them Your power and majesty to meet them

where they are at in Jesus name. Amen.

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