

Quicken Me, O Lord

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***"My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word."
(Psalm 119:25)***

The initial idea for this song came from a week at summer camp in 2008. It was during the sponsors meeting that we were encouraged from Psalm 119, showing us how often the psalmist cried to God to "quicken him." "Quicken Me, O Lord" is a fervent prayer for personal revival in our lives. A feeling of lifelessness causes our heart to yearn for divine quickening, a touch from above that brings life to a thirsting soul.

The first stanza is the theme of the entire hymn. We must confess our need for God to step in and do His work of revival in our lives. If He doesn't help, we're in grave trouble, but He is the all-sufficient One we need in our weakness.

The second stanza acknowledges we need quickening from the Lord due to our indulgence in sin. Sin soils our heart and causes us to cry out for cleansing. Cleansing takes place when the God of all integrity purges out sin and the washes that stain, making our hearts as white as snow again. Joy returns!

Following the Lord means taking up our cross daily and sharing in His suffering. This is the theme for stanza three. Whatever the cross may be, it is the Christian's privilege to partake in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. When our cross weighs heavily and burdens press down, our only recourse is found in our secure God.

The final stanza is the heart cry of the Christian to know God deeper and more intimately. What an astounding privilege to know and have fellowship as a son or daughter with the God of eternity! As we come closer to God, we cry out for Him to draw nearer to us.