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# **Bringing the Word into Focus**

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*Your love is beyond understanding, Father. Take our hearts, melt them, and pour into us that which You would desire we understand and apply, even today. And Lord, give us the wisdom to do something about it.*

*In Jesus' name. Amen.*

I've threatened many times in this class to take a roving microphone and interview you. You know I won't do it so you don't take it seriously, and I don't either. But if I did, there are certain things that I would ask you and I would be almost certain, in advance, what kind of responses I would get. One of them would be this. "How many of you think you live under too much stress?" I think I would get almost a uniform answer. Those of you who are retired, those of you who have 17 children, those of you who have none. Those of you who are holding down two jobs; those of you who are holding down no jobs, and those of you who are just trying to figure out what you're going to do for a living. Everybody has the same problem. Stress and pressure. And isn't it strange that we're under more pressure and stress today, and we have all these time saving devices. If I were to ask you what you have in your home, these electronic marvels would flash at you from everywhere.

But most of us spend more time trying to figure out how to upgrade the software, how to change the hardware, how to get the faxes to work better, and how to replace the cellular battery. I honestly wonder sometimes, if we just put a quarter in the phone, and use a pencil and paper like we used to...well anyway, we're not going to do that. The gadgets are too much fun. But the gadgets aren't our problem. We've put ourselves on some kind of a performance-based behavior pattern. We want to keep up with everyone else and these gadgets are nothing more than instruments we've purchased or tools to make our over-planned lives supposedly more efficient. And we don't want our kids to miss anything either, do we? So, we over-schedule them. I mean, they go from choir to soccer, from piano to ballet, from cheerleading

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to basketball. And then we rush them home, shove them into a little cubicle, give them some books with some information, much of which will never be of any benefit to them, and say “You better study or you won’t get your scholarship.” We’re in such a hurry.

We’re racing toward oblivion. How few families have time to sit down and take a deep breath, look at each other in the eye and talk? You remember what that was, T-A-L-K. I think that’s how you spell it. Kids don’t have time anymore to just play. When I was a kid—and maybe that’s what’s wrong with me—that’s all we did, play. Families don’t have time to sit in their backyards without their cellular phones and their notebook computers, and just marvel at who God is. We’re in a hurry; there isn’t time. Or is there?

Is it that we may have bought into this over-zealous culture of ours and we’re trying to beat the world at its own game? But don’t we, as Christians, have a different set of objectives? And having been caught up in all this stress, haven’t some of us lost the essence of our faith—peace? That sense of well-being that comes from living life enveloped in the arms of Jesus at rest. Now I’d like to tell you that the church, or the Christian community is the solution, but I believe that the church has compounded the problem. We want our churches to be the biggest, the best, and the most active, and we want all the activities that the church up the street has and we sure want to have at least as many seminars as they do. And we get so caught up in this group input and group output that we think the more we attend, the more pleased God is. And, of course, if our kids are going to be spiritual, they’ve got to be at the church doing everything, too. And to be good parents, we have to become good bus drivers. So, we never have time to eat together. And you say “So what?” We’re always bickering because we’re in a hurry jamming them into the van or jamming them into the suburban or forcing them into the car to get to the next thing. We’re always arguing. But that’s okay, isn’t it? Isn’t it more important to get them there? I don’t think so.

I wonder if it may be more important for us to slow down a little bit and figure out who God is, and impart who God is to the people around us. We may have bought the lie; we may be so busy becoming Christianized that we’re of no earthly use as Christians. And if something isn’t done to slow us down and re-focus our hearts to who God is and reschedule our time so that we spend an appreciable amount of it at His feet meditating in

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His Word, we could become the most active, most educated, most affluent and least spiritual group of Christians in general. Most of us have time to attend another seminar on how to be a good mate, but we just can't find time to pray or to listen to the mate we've got. Most of us have time for one more message on worship, but we just can't find time to get alone in the prayer closet of our lives and worship. Most of us have time to go to one more Bible study but we don't have time to apply what we learned at the last Bible study, so we're just busy, but we're not being changed. Where are we running to? What are we running from? Why are we in such a hurry to do so many things, that 90% of us don't have to do the only things that matter.

Here's a hypothetical question for you. What do you think would happen if all of the churches took six months and shut down? And they told the people, "We're not going to teach you anything new. Go home and do what we've already taught you." What if we had nothing but Sunday worship service and maybe Sunday school and nothing else for six months? And our assignment was to cancel all activities and spend time alone with God, spend time with our families, and spend time with our neighbors. What would happen, I wonder? I bet one thing that would happen is, our lives would be changed, and our worlds would be changed. We've got to bring the Word into focus. We've got to bring our lives into focus. We got to stop and think about what's really important and quit being shoved around by the society we're in.

Let me give you another one. What if we stopped and did nothing for six months, or four months, or a year, but focused on one area of our lives that needed attention. Now I don't know about you, but the average Christian runs from subject to subject. You come to Sunday school and you get a Bible lesson here. But maybe God will speak to you from the Word on something. And you say, "That makes sense to me even if the teacher doesn't. That makes sense to me and I'm going to do it." And you get out of here, you go into the Sanctuary and you hear a good message. But when you leave there, you have forgotten what you heard here. From here, you get in the car and turn on the radio, and sure enough there is a Christian broadcasting station preaching away. It's good stuff. And now you've forgotten what you heard in the Sanctuary, and what you heard here is a mile away. So, you come back next week, and you say, "Well, what was it I was going

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to do that was going to change my life?”

How many ever think about Matthew, chapter 13. I think it is one of the most important passages in the New Testament. Jesus was trying to communicate an incredibly important principal so he told a story. That’s what He usually did when He was trying to communicate an important principle. It’s about a farmer who was planting seeds. You remember the story? *Some of the seed fell by the wayside and the birds came and gobbled it up. Some other seed fell on stony soil and it started to sprout but the sun came along and the seed didn’t get its roots firm, so the heat beat down on it and it died and didn’t last. Some other seed fell on soil that was infested with weeds. The weeds were too much for the seed and they choked it out. But then Jesus concluded that some of the seed fell on soil that was ready and it took root and began to grow and produced, thirty-fold, sixty-fold, a hundred-fold.*<sup>1</sup>

Now Jesus wasn’t trying to start an agricultural school. This was a real-life illustration. He was trying to take a very important principle we could apply, that would be spiritual in nature, and would be so simple, a child could understand it. Then, lest we miss any of the hidden truths, Jesus said, “Wait a minute, I don’t think you understand. I’m going to explain it for you.” And I think verses 18 and 19 are of particular significance. Jesus said,

“Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. [I want you to listen to what I am saying.]

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. (Matthew 13:18-19)

Now Jesus was giving us an illustration of a man or a woman who had just been to Sunday school, heard this lesson and thought, *that’s pretty good. I think I could do something about that but I don’t understand it yet.* In other words, the word, understanding, means to be able to personalize and apply truth. So, this guy heard the Word and thought it was worth paying attention to, but he didn’t know how to appropriate it. It didn’t make sense to him yet. But before he had the chance to focus on it, while he was thinking maybe he would, some birds came along. Now Jesus wanted to be sure we understood, so he defined who the birds were. The birds represent Satan, the wicked one. And Satan came along and snatched up the seed and it never

<sup>1</sup> Matthew 13:3-8 paraphrase

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had a chance to bear fruit. I don't know about you, but there are several ways you could apply that. Maybe doubts arise in your heart. You heard the Word and you were going to do something about it. You're driving home and you think, *I wonder if that really means that, and I wonder if God was really speaking to me. And maybe I'll just postpone it.* Or maybe, something else was going on in your mind.

It's more likely that maybe something good came along—another message, another sermon, another story, another illustration. And you forgot the thing God spoke to you about. Satan is a seed snatcher. It's his business. It's what he does for a living. It's what his job description says. Jesus told us that. And he'll do anything he can to keep you from receiving the Word, personalizing it, or applying it, thereby allowing you to be changed. Anything he can do to keep you from focusing on it long enough for it to change your life, he'll do. Now listen to me, even if he has to replace truth with more truth, he'll do it, if by so doing, the truth God intended you to apply, never takes root. He would much rather have you going to five Bible studies a week and become proud of your new found knowledge, than he would having you take one thing God is trying to impart to your life, and focusing on it long enough until it's changed your life.

And I believe, beloved, until we as Christians, learn to be focused again, all the material we have available to us, and all the preaching we have available to us may work against us. I think people who are in underground churches around the world and in prisons even here in this country, seem to achieve such depth, in such a short period of time. I really do. They're not encumbered with the external trappings of Christianity. They don't have to make six committee meetings a week to be spiritual, and they don't have so much material they can't focus on any of it. I wonder if the best thing we can do as Christians, might not be to slow down this runaway train we're on, and learn to meditate on the Scriptures again.

Now we looked last week at what it means to memorize, and I gave you some options, some suggestions. There were three or four ways to memorize. You could take a passage, a chapter or even a book in the Bible and memorize your way through it. Or you could take it topically. You could take all the verses on the Holy Spirit, and there are a number of them. Or you could take the verses on anger or whatever. Or you could go based on need.

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You can say, “The problem in my life is, I really don’t understand how to deal with my anger. So, I’m going to take all the verses on anger and all the corresponding verses on the nature of God and His longsuffering and meditate on those.”

The fourth suggestion I made to you last week was called a thread of truth. And I asked you to consider, if you would, taking a series of verses, each of which led you to another, so that the sequence of those verses in essence, told a story, called attention to a need, or called attention to the nature of God that would meet that need. Then, that would cause you to transfer from focusing on your circumstances to focusing on who God is. I gave you two of those last week and I asked, if you would, to consider taking the week and at least beginning the process, if you weren’t already memorizing something else. Some of you at least have done that.

Many of you, if I would go again as a roving reporter—and I promise I won’t—and ask, “Did you?” You would say, “I really meant to. I left here last Sunday convicted that God wanted me to memorize the Word, but you know I had the worst week between my family and my job. And I was so distracted by all these things going on, but boy I’m going to.” Some of you here may tell me, “I intended to do that, but I was so busy doing the work of God. I had so many meetings to go to this week. I had so many Bible studies to go to, and I was so involved in so many things, I just didn’t have time.”

I want to ask you a question this morning. If you had time to be at the church four days a week and do all these activities, but you didn’t have time to put the Word of God on the tablet of your heart where it could change your life and be used to change other lives, don’t you think maybe you’ve got something out of kilter? The problem isn’t time; the problem is choice. The real problem ought to be, if we ever get in our minds what it will do for us, how could we find time to do anything else? The book of Deuteronomy told us that the Word of God is supposed to be so dominant in our thinking that when we wake up in the morning it pops in our head. When we’re walking by the road it’s all we think about. When we sit down to eat a meal that’s all we talk about. It says you will talk to your kids about it, you’ll talk to your friends about it. It will be like it is written on the doorpost of your house and on the glasses you look through. That’s all you see; that’s all you think about.



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Now I'm going to make an assumption, and that is, that you're going to lay the Word of God in your heart in such a way that God can call it back to you. That's a big assumption, but I'm going to make that assumption. I'm going to beg you not to tell God that you don't have time. The reason is, God created time. He who lives in the endless realm of eternity left eternity and entered time with all of its constraints for us. He understands time. He had only three years to build a church the gates of hell would not prevail against, but He still took time to go apart and be alone with His Father. And when Satan confronted Him in the wilderness, He didn't say, "Let me tell you about that speaker at the last seminar I heard. It's on page 37 of the syllabus." He just said, "It is written," because His Father's Word was so engraved on His heart, He could think of nothing else. So, we're going to make an assumption that either you have been, or you are going to, lay the Word of God on your heart, and this morning we're going to look at what you do once it is there.

What you do is you meditate.

You remember what that word meditate is; we've been talking about it for two or three weeks. It means taking something you know, personalizing it, reviewing it, and applying it with the express goal of doing it. That's what the word means. It's a constant process. It's likened to how a cow chews its cud. In fact, the same root word applies. Here's the key by which it is processed. That you focus the intensity of your mind on one thing. The intent being, to get all the nourishment out of that one thing, that you possibly can. Now with that in mind, do you see the importance of what I've been talking to you about of being so busy, of running from thing to thing. I've got to remind you of the story of the young pastor in an old church in the country.

They had been interviewing for a year and they found this young man and they thought he was a clone of Billy Graham. And he came the first Sunday and he beat on the pulpit and he preached the most stemwinder of a message you ever heard. It was perfect, and the congregation was aghast. They went home whispering among themselves saying, "Man, this guy is fantastic." They came back the next Sunday; they couldn't wait. They were there an hour early. He got up in the pulpit and he did it again, literally, he did it again. He preached the same sermon, word for word. Same illustrations, same everything. You remember the story? They didn't know what to say. They whispered among

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themselves, but they didn't say anything. They went home and said, "We'll try this again next week." The third week they came back and he got up and guess what? Same sermon, same illustrations, same conclusion. Guess what? They had a deacons' meeting the next night. They said, "Young man, we appreciate your first sermon. Is that the only one you've got?" He said, "No, sir, I've got lots of them, as soon as you do this one." You know I'm sitting here wondering if maybe that's not what's wrong with Christianity today. I don't think the shotgun approach works. I wonder if sometimes we don't need to stop and just focus, so the seed snatcher can't get at us on one thing God wants to do in our lives, and stay there until He does it.

I think what we need is more R&R. I don't mean recreation and relaxation. Most Christians have that down. I mean Repetition and Review. Repetition means you go over and over the same thing until you finally get it. Review means you personalize it until it becomes a part of you, and you obey it.

Now I gave you a couple of threads last week. Threads are groups of Scriptures, and I asked you to memorize them. Assuming that you have, or assuming that you haven't, I'm going to now ask us to go through one of those threads and meditate on it, so hopefully, it will reinforce what it says. But more than that, maybe teach us something about how to meditate. Now the first thread was called, awake. And that's not a bad idea. I've seen several of you yawning already. It's not a bad idea, so let's do that. Let's awake. But remember the purpose of this. The purpose of this is to give us something to grab hold of the minute we open our eyes in the morning. The first thought that comes into our mind ought to be thoughts of Him. How do we do that?

Well let's take the shorter version of the first thread. It's called awake. It starts with Ephesians 5:14. Some of you have done this this week, and you say it works. It goes like this.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;  
(Isaiah 51:9a)

Now obviously that's an attention getter. It's a call to battle. It's a reminder to you that the minute your conscious mind wakes up, the first thought from your mind ought to be God. Now I don't know about some of you, but some of you are much, much younger than I am. I guess all of you are much younger than I am, but the hardest minute of my day is the minute I try to

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decide to lift this seemingly non-functional body out of bed. I tell it to stand up and walk, and it doesn't want to do either one. And I don't know about you, but all kinds of thoughts come through my mind. The first one is, *Lord, if you would just let me sleep another four hours, there is no limit to what I will accomplish for you today.* The other thought is, *Lord if you'll just give me a little while to get my mind focused and straightened out, then I'll be ready for you, just give me my seventh cup of coffee.* But the Lord knows that by the time I give Satan that much time to infiltrate my thoughts with worry and fear and frustration, things I have to do and things I didn't do, then I'll lose it. So, I need to open my eyes, and before Satan has a chance to say a word, I need to say.

...Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead...

(Ephesians 5:14a)

But that's only the beginning, because if I stop there, that's all Satan needs. He's got me awake. Now, he'll flood my mind. So immediately, the thread needs to go on Psalm 17:15.

As for me, I will behold Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

(Psalm 17:15 NKJV)

Now, personalize that verse, beloved, it's a prayer of promise to God. It's an acknowledgement that the best thing you can do when you wake up is to focus on who He is. Then you stop and pray. Lord, I love You. What a wonderful way to start the day looking at You. All I need when I awake is to see Your face. And doesn't that bring another verse to mind. Psalm 139:18 paraphrased in the Living Bible.

When I awake in the morning, you're still thinking of me.

(Psalm 139:18 TLB)

Now, an important part then, is to take the Scripture and visualize it. How many of you have been in a hospital room sick, you've gotten surgery, you wake up and you look around, and someone you love is sitting right there. And they may be sitting in that chair all night long. What a comfort. Now visualize waking up in the morning and the Lord Jesus Christ is sitting right by your bed and He's saying, "I've been praying for you and thinking about you all night long. I'm so glad you're awake." What a comfort; what an excitement. Don't you see cobwebs go out of your mind and thoughts of fear and appointments that were left over from yesterday, don't have a chance to take root. Suddenly

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this verse from Psalm 118 pops into your mind. That's the next verse in our thread.

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24 NKJV)

What a day. What a God. What a plan. You see your perspective changing? Take that verse and another thing you do as you meditate on it, is to emphasize a different word each time through.

**This** is the day that the Lord has made. Forget yesterday; we don't know about tomorrow. But this is God's Day, and whatever He chooses, He can do today. Thank you, Lord. Have at it.

This **is** the day. Not *going to be*; it already *is*. The clock is moving, the sun is rising, times a-wasting. This is the day. Maybe Jesus will come today. And maybe you begin to sing in your spirits, "Oh, what a wonderful day it will be. Jesus is coming again." And then thoughts of songs come into your mind and you begin to praise God that He's coming back, and this is **the** day. And so, you take each word and you begin to emphasize a different word, as different songs and different verses come into your mind. The process begins to turn into one of praise. God loves you, God is listening, God cares. And you want to thank Him. And so, the thread goes on.

And in the morning, you shall see the glory of the LORD. (Exodus 16:7)

What a promise! What's your response?

My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. (Psalm 5:3 NKJV)

Then you begin to rejoice in your Spirit. Now Satan, at this point, would love to get you distracted by the sins of yesterday. So, here's the next verse in our thread.

This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:21-23)

Whenever you meditate on the quality of the nature of God, stop and begin to focus on who He is. What is it about God's faithfulness that you know about? Well, you know that every

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prophesy He ever prophesied has come true. Every promise He has ever made has held up. Every word He has ever spoken is eternal. God is faithful and what did He say? His compassions will never fail; they are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness. Doesn't that take a load off your mind? And doesn't it make you want to start again with a clean slate?

Aren't you ready to shout to the Lord?

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. (Psalm 51:12 NKJV)

Then you personalize that request. You know how to personalize a verse of Scripture. You say "Lord, I don't understand how You could love me that much. I don't understand how You could love anybody that much; that no matter what we've done or what's happened, You are willing to start the day with a new sheet on the calendar. Old things are passed away, all things are become new." And then you may want to visualize the Lord Jesus Christ standing at a blackboard, taking a cloak soaked in His blood, and wiping away everything written by your name that is a sin. And you visualize that, and you begin to worship.

"Oh, sing unto the LORD a new song. Sing unto the LORD, bless His name. For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised. Worship the LORD in the beauty of His holiness."

(Psalm 96:1a,2a,4a)

And don't you see as you continue to worship Him, your spirits are lifted, your focus is set, and then you're ready to say, "Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."<sup>2</sup> And then you open the Scripture, not just to get new information, beloved, but to be changed. And He will change you.

Maybe you'll meditate on that thread once a day for a week or maybe once a month, or once a week or whatever, any thread, any subject. But the purpose of it is, when you wake up in the morning, you focus first in your heart, on who God is. So many times, the psalmist began with a murmuring or complaining at the beginning of a Psalm about what a rotten deal he'd gotten. All the enemies are around him and he hasn't any hope. And then He would say something that would remind him of who God is, and what God had done, and before long he's just bouncing

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<sup>2</sup> Psalm 119:18

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around all over the page praising God for who He is. We must learn to do the same.

Well, let's assume you've done that and you're in the car driving to work. Traffic on the freeway is enough to make you cry. It's moving right along at about 5 3/4 miles an hour; people are cutting in front of you honking. You're going to be late to work and you just remembered that appointment with your boss at ten o'clock in the morning, that you don't want to make, because He always makes you feel so inadequate. You never know what to say and He wants your opinion, but you don't have one.

The first thing you start to do is compare yourself with old Jim. Jim is the other guy in the department and Jim never makes a mistake. He's mister smart. And you say "Oh, if only I could be like Jim." What an insult to God. Didn't He make you a peculiar treasure to Himself, and didn't He call you, weaknesses and all, so He could pour His grace through you. Didn't He even make those weaknesses with that in mind. But what a week you've had. Kids have been sick, your wife's parents are angry, the car quit and nobody knows how to fix it. You worked 100 hours on it last week and nobody even noticed. Why not begin by just crying out to God. Not a bad move.

You remember our thread on weakness to strength. Let's go through it quickly and meditate.

Have mercy on me, O LORD; for I am weak;

(Psalm 6:2a NKJV)

I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. (Psalm 6:6 NKJV)

Don't try to fool God. He was there last night. He knows how you feel. Tell Him about it. All you want is mercy. Then that reminds you of 1 John 5:14.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

(1 John 5:14 NKJV)

That means He heard you ask for mercy. Then you can cry back,

The LORD has heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. (Psalm 6:9 NKJV)

What a relief. Don't you already begin to feel peace? Now, your problems are still there. You say "Lord, what am I going to

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do?” He says,

My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. (II Corinthians 12:9a NKJV)

Don't you see, you begin to glory in your infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon you. You begin to personalize it and you begin to think about your infirmities and reproaches and the things you normally would be upset about, and suddenly they become blessings and you say “Lord what does that mean?” and the Lord says, “The weaker you are, the stronger I am.”

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For you see your calling brethren, that not many mighty, not many noble are called.

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

(I Corinthians 1:25-27 NKJV)

that no flesh should glory in His presence.

(I Corinthians 1:29 NKJV)

Suddenly you begin to realize. “Lord, I know why you called me. Because I am nothing apart from you. And Lord, I go in there and stand before the boss and I don't have all this natural wisdom. But if you speak through the likes of me, people are not going to say, ‘What a neat guy Joe is.’ They're going to say, ‘Huh, what's happened to Joe?’” You'll have a peace, you'll have a joy, you'll have a constancy. You're almost there. You are rounding the corner heading to the parking lot. You're not worried anymore about what to do. You're not fearful anymore, and your heart begins to sing,

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say on the LORD!

(Psalm 27:14 NKJV)

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;

(Psalm 37:7a NKJV)

And then the next verse floods in your mind.

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:31)

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Weak? You bet you are. But not in Jesus. Suddenly, there is a spring in your step. There's joy in your heart and there is strength as an eagle there. You focused your heart at the start of the day on who God is, and as you drove into that lion's den you focused on how God wants to take even your weakness to show Himself strong, and you can rest.

It's a new day. It's a great day. It is the day that the Lord hath made. And what has made it so is His Word laid on your heart, and then humbly called back over and over in your mind until it was engraved there. And then you took what was there, and focused on nothing else until God got your attention and changed your heart.

You see, beloved, this book of the law must not depart out of your mouth, but you must meditate therein day and night. Then, you will be a success in the eyes of God. And folks, compared to everything else, isn't that what life is all about? Think about it this week.

Let's pray.

*Father, we love You. We're in such a hurry. We're in a hurry now to get out of here and get to church on time. And then we've got to get out of church and get to lunch on time. And then we've got to get home and get our nap on time. We're in a hurry. The whole world is in a hurry. And we want to do, and get everything we can do, so we do everything but spend time with you.*

*Some of us, Father, spend more time thinking about what clothes we're going to wear to work today and tomorrow, or what color we're going to paint the bedroom, than we do on who You are.*

*Slow us down Lord. Refocus the lens of our hearts on things that really matter. And help us to stay focused long enough until the seed takes root, goes deep, gets watered, and bears fruit.*

*In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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