

RELIGION

Matthew 4:23

Scripture Of The Week

And Jesus went about all Galilee...and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people

HOPE TO JOY

Constantly, I see and hear the peoples, of this world, proclaiming their hopelessness. Often, I see men, women, boys and girls walking about with their heads hanging so very low, their hands dug deep into their pockets and with an aimless gait. You cant help saying,

with his body development. He was not progressing like his twin brother. I took him to doctors and more doctors. Each one said,

Oh, he will grow out of it. Just leave it alone. Dont worry mother.

I listened intently; and, instead of succumbing to their inept determinations, I stepped out on faith. I sought counsel from an expert in the field of orthopedic surgery after much prayer.

My little boy was three years old and he still couldnt walk. His legs were spindly and just hanging from his body (inoperative). While his brother, who is twenty-seven minutes younger, was progressing normally, walking and running about, my other baby was sliding about, on the floor, by pulling himself with his hands. His arms were developing and his torso; but, his legs weren't doing anything but hanging there.

I began a regimen of PT (Prayer Therapy) everyday. I would put him in a tub of warm water and move his little legs; then, rub his little hips, legs, feet and toes with oil. As I was massaging his little body, I prayed to the Father and I believed that God would heal my

child. I thought. Each time we planned a trip, we had to carry him-physically. The older he got; the heavier he got. He was like dead weight. I cried to the Lord, Oh Father! My child is becoming a heavy burden. Please help me! I just cant do it by myself.

I took my son to the doctor again; and finally, it was determined that he was born with cerebral palsy. The doctor asked,

Why wasnt he being treated? I asked,

How can that be? He hasn't had any signs of palsy. His only impairment is that he cant walk. He hasn't had seizures or convulsions or nothing.

The doctor prescribed for him and placed him in a Browns Splint (which has two little shoes fastened to a steel bar). This contraption was designed to hold his legs in a stationary position with hopes that the legs would turn forward and get stronger.

In the meantime, I continued the PT One Sunday, following a concert at the church, I had gone downstairs to receive my guests (the audience). My accompanist and I were standing in the receiving line when someone shouted out my name. I turned to see my child having a grand mal seizure.

Willie Mae Hart, a trained nurse and a member of my church, went into action. She placed a spoon in his mouth and held him flat until his little body calmed down. Then—his little body was limp. We called the hospital

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A Thirst For God

Heavenly Father, I approach you in the Name of your Son. I don't have the right words, it's neither the right time nor the right place; I need to be quiet but there is no quiet.

I will not ask you to deliver me out of my situation because a lot of it was brought on by myself. I will not ask you to fill my cup, for my cup is a sieve. Instead of asking I am remembering.

I remember that you created the universe and all its galaxies by your mighty power, and said it was good. Lord God, let me be part of that good.

I remember that you forgave my sins and purchased my salvation with the blood of your Son. I place myself under that blood and claim Jesus Christ as the One who saved me at the Cross.

I remember that you established your church as a fellowship of believers committed to a life of love. Father, put me in your church not as pew-sitter but as a lover.

I remember that you sent your Spirit into our church to teach us what love is. I need to be taught again.

I remember that your Son is coming back for us one day. Come, Lord Jesus.

I remember that you will keep us in perfect peace if our minds are stayed on you. Father, I love you, adore you, magnify you, praise your Name, and count you more precious than anything in life. And for at least two minutes my mind has been stayed on you.

Because you hear me, I am at peace. Because you forgive me, I leave my sins. Because you overcome evil, I drop my fears. You are my Shield, my Fortress, my Advocate, my Shepherd, my Light, my Wisdom, and my Friend. I have nothing to ask for, really. Just remembering. Thank you, Father.

REFLECTIONS

Lord Put A Dream In My Heart

In October 1879, Thomas Edison sat alone in his laboratory at Menlo Park, New Jersey. His "boys," as he called his helpers, were home exhausted after working days without sleep. For thirteen months they had searched for a metal filament that when sealed in a glass bulb and electrically charged would give off light. All their experiments failed. Funds were depleted, and financial backers were clamoring for results. Foreign newspapers called Edison a dreamer. Noted mathematicians said he was attempting the impossible.

Then Edison recalled a Scripture verse on light he had read as a youngster. (Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:3). Hesitantly, his hand went to a mixture of lampblack and tar. He rolled the

substance, sought a spoon of cotton thread and carbonized a strand. Would this frail substance withstand an electrical current that melted the hardest of metals? He would try.

For thirty-two hours, he and his helpers once again strove to produce one, unbroken, carbonized thread. Finally, one strand was sealed in a glass bulb and electric current was applied. The filament glowed and soft light crept across the laboratory. Victory at last! The electric light bulb was invented.

Is there some dream that you're holding on to? Your own unique invention maybe? Paying off the house mortgage? Or getting financing for a college degree? Hold fast to your dream, work toward it and, with God's blessing, you'll reach the light.



By Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

That person looks like they dont have any hope or a friend in the world.

Haven't you ever wondered how people get this way? The answer is that they have no hope and no Jesus. The world has painted, for them, such a grim picture until their very appearance depicts hopelessness. How sad!

However, in the midst of all their darkness and their dismal forecast, there is a bright ray of hope; and his name is Jesus.

If no one has ever shared this with you and you are reading this article, I tell you now that there is hope in this world today. You can find hope. And—when hope comes, joy is right by its side. You see—joy & hope are close friends.

I can remember the hopelessness of watching my child after he was born. There was something very wrong

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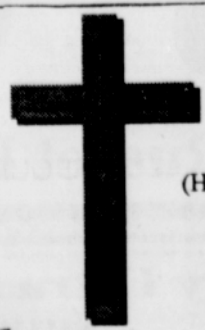
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