



“Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known in all the world.”

Isaiah 12:4-5

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Beloved Friends and Family,

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According to the calendar, Spring begins this month, praise God. The time of renewal of earthly life as plants and trees that have gone into Winter sleep are awakened once again and celebrate life by displaying His splendor. What a marvelous Father we have who thought of all of this and created it to be this way. Of course, I'm sure He hoped we would catch the significance from this display in our own lives to be renewed from the dormancy of what sometimes becomes routine living. May we draw near to Him and be touched by His love and the freshness of His Spirit that ignites in us once again the beauty of our relationship with Him. Our Father whispers, "Awaken, my child, and embrace the freshness of My life that is resident in your life and blossom once again in the hope and vitality of all that makes you beautiful in Me." Resurrection power is promised for those of us in Christ.

We love you all and thank God for you and hope you are at peace as the world cringes and the news media seems to revel in broadcasting the coming doom caused by the coronavirus. The panic is already seen in store shelves and on Wall Street in the thunderous stampede of the uncertainty of what may or may not happen. Please be assured I do not make light of this modern-day plague of our time, but wonder what Father would have His Church be in the midst of "The Sky is Falling!" that screams at us from those whose hope is only in the here and now and those who do not know the power and life and love of our Father. May we be a calming and tender influence in such a time that invites those in terror to come and rest and find comfort and peace in the arms of the One who is rich in mercy and loves with an everlasting love. May we be a light in the terror of this darkness that leads many to our Savior and brings calm to the panic by the steadfast love of our Lord. We see throughout scripture history such times as God sought to gain the attention of those He loved who had become so distracted by "other gods" and had wandered from the truth. So much of what we are seeing today in our environment speaks to my heart of God withdrawing His hand of protection upon the earth as the ways of man becomes so evil and sinful towards God and one another, so contrary to God's instruction to "Be holy as I am holy".

It's amazing to me that even we, as the people of God, seem to fail to embrace who we have become in Christ Jesus whose life is now within us. In the series that the Holy Spirit gave me a while back titled, "What Does It Mean?", one of the topics is holy. I have had those who were listening to my teaching take a piece of paper and write three things that best describe who they are. Then at the beginning of the teaching, I ask for a show of hands how many listed holy as one of the traits upon their list. I have yet to have a single person raise their hand. Amazing. Yet it is now who we have become in Christ Jesus. It's not a future thing, it is a now thing that should be evident to all because of Jesus' life that is now alive within us. But we seem to shun the identification as somehow arrogant and it is in the flesh as external holiness, but not when lived by the life of the Spirit. I think it is Spirit born and hope you will ponder this.

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This month, our friend and missionary from Thomasville, GA, Ruth Duda came and stayed with us. It was a sweet time of encouraging one another in the Lord. Our local church had an awareness Sunday about the horrendous problem in our nation, states, cities, and neighborhoods of so many being exploited into human trafficking. Both of us spent days of "mattress ministry" because we had so very little energy and felt unwell. Thankfully we are being renewed each day and feeling stronger. We are ready to go to Birmingham for a conference of pastors and missionaries and then we will head south to Pensacola to see some of the precious folks we love, attend Charity Chapel and get our taxes done. Thank you for praying for our dear friend, Pastor Jerry. He is still weak but gaining strength now that chemo and radiation are behind him. He remains strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We often stay with them, but this time we will be staying with Laura and Tony C. They have a family dinner planned so we will also get to see Virgene, Wendy and Michael. We are looking forward to seeing other folks as well.

Last Sunday, A Haz in Debrecen celebrated their annual Appreciation Day where they acknowledged the labor of love from all who helped serve in the fellowship. This year 60 were acknowledged for their participation in service in the body life of the church. That means over half of the congregation is actively serving, isn't that exciting? A Haz continues to be an equipping center reaching and teaching mostly university students to understand and apply the Word of God and to flow in the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit by participating with the Lord. The college students that were part of the missions' team that went into the Mid-East, where they shared the love of Jesus, have returned safely, excited and filled with anticipation as some are sensing the call for future missions' ministry once they graduate. Shirley and I dance for joy at this work of the Spirit.

Wanting to be wise as we prayerfully consider what is happening globally, we are holding off from our plans to leave for Europe next month. We have been weighing the uncertainty of air travel, potentially restrictive mandatory quarantines that could restrict our travels at any moment during the trip, the air quality environment of airplanes and airports filled with world travelers has us stepping back to ensure we have the mind of our Father before we venture out. We want to be obedient and in sync with Father's plan. Two of the students from A Haz that went to Italy have been held back and quarantined. Missing graduations for the Uni students and our heart grandson, Beni's, high school graduation is very disappointing. We are assured in our hearts that if we have the leading of our Lord to go He is able to hold us in the palm of His hand and safely lead us forward and use us to minister His peace and love to those He sends us to.

Thank you for your steadfast love and encouragement and support. We love and need you so very much in our lives and your input as God speaks to your hearts concerning us and His ministry through us. May He bless you exceedingly and abundantly above all that you can think as you faithfully continue to join with Him in His kingdom work. A part of that work has and is a blessing and ministering to us and we rejoice in the Lord over you. He is omnipotent- all-powerful, He is omnipresent- He is everywhere and is omniscient – He knows everything and is loving. So we trust in Him, in His sovereignty and His faithfulness. "The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:25-26.

Blessings,

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