

EXPERIENCING the POWER of “ONE ACCORD”

“...they lifted up their voice to God with one accord...And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:24, 31-33 (KJV)



This Week’s Thought – October 2, 2016

“You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety.”
Job 11:18 (NIV)

Feelings of insecurity creep into our thinking when our hope fades. We feel insecure with finances when there seems to be no hope for future provision. We feel insecure with relationships when there seems to be no hope for reconciliation. We feel insecure with problems when there seems to be no hope for solutions. We feel insecure with our hurting heart when there seems to be no hope for healing. Insecurity follows hopelessness; But, we are not scared when we are hopeful in our heavenly Father’s practical wisdom and secure in His loving provision. **Hope provides security!**

Job was on the verge of hopelessness. Having lost his family and his material wealth—he wondered what could be worse. To make matters worse his friends offered little comfort, only a critique of how he needed to change and make things right with God. Fortunately, Job’s faith remained in the Lord. He kept his gaze fixed on God above and only glanced at his tumultuous circumstances below. Security in our Savior keeps us from being scared.

“When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.”
(Proverbs 3:24)

Are you facing an unsettling situation that facilitates fear induced insecurity? Fear can easily imagine the worse-case scenario. Thus, you become frantic over “what if” outcomes—to the point that your fears become a self-fulfilling prophecy. When your soul is spiraling downward, be intentional to spend time with hopeful people. The company of misery will only compound your insecurities.

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Like good medicine—inject hope into your soul—and security will spring to life. Moreover, a secure soul makes a point to see its imperfections as necessary on the canvas of Christ’s creation. What we see in the present is only a partial portrait of what the Spirit is painting for the future. So, we rest secure—knowing we are in the safe confines of our Savior’s studio of sanctification. Developing into the likeness of Jesus is a messy, but profitable process. God is our unchanging hope. He is our dependable rock of security. **We rest in Christ—secure, not scared!**

“We who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf.” (Hebrews 6:18-20)

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “I am taking care of you. Trust Me at all times. Trust Me in all circumstances. Trust Me with all your heart. When you are weary and everything seems to be going wrong, you can still utter these four words: ‘I trust You, Jesus!’ By doing so, you release matters into My control, and you fall back into security of My everlasting arms. Every day provides many opportunities for you to learn My ways and grow closer to Me. Search for Me as for hidden treasure. I will be found by you.” (Proverbs 3:5; Deuteronomy 33:37; Jeremiah 29:13-14)

“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King