

Theme for 2019

**‘The God of Another Year, is a God of Wonderful and Amazing Grace.
He is the God of Forgiveness and He is the God of Beginning Again.’**

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES!

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”

Psalm 51:15 (ESV); Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV); Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV)



This Week’s Thought – April 28, 2019 ***Communion Sunday***

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES– I would imagine that like most people (even Christians), when you experience something unfortunate or difficult in life, you’re not always calm. Instead, you might cry, brood over the problem, be disappointed, or maybe even go into a mini emotional tailspin. You might call a friend, dump your feelings on a spouse or significant other, or even lament on Social media about what to do.

I was recently reminded that when trouble comes knocking, a better solution is to go to Jesus first before I work myself into an emotional mess.

If you can relate, the story in (Mark 9) about a man who brought his possessed son to Jesus will encourage you. In this story, a spirit had robbed the young boy of his speech. The man told Jesus he had already taken his son to the disciples, but they couldn’t drive out the spirit. In response, Jesus said, *“bring the boy to Me.”* This simple instruction reminded me –

When life throws you and me a curveball, Jesus is saying, *“Bring the (fill in the blank) to Me.”*

“Bring your needs, concerns and fears to me.”

“Bring your disappointment, anger, and frustration to me.”

“Before you panic, before you seek out your friends, or call your neighbor. . . before you vent to your mate or your date, before you take to Social Media or even search the internet, bring your trouble to Me.”

If only we could practice more consistently bringing our concerns to Christ first, oh, how our thoughts would be established, our fears would subside, our tongues would be subdued, and our souls would be soothed! If we would intentionally quiet ourselves at the moment the trouble comes and sit at the feet of the Master, what peace we could experience!

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.” (Proverbs 18:10)

On today, may the blessing of peace rest upon you...the blessing of joy abide within you...the blessing of success and favor surround you...the blessing of love flow out through you. May all the Blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance as you ‘Encounter the Possibilities’ this day will bring!!

Application: Do you have something that you need to take to Jesus today? Take it to Him first instead of calling friends, family or even Social Media. Ask the Lord to help you steady yourself, trust in Him and not overreact when trouble comes knocking on the door of your life. But instead, to rest in Him and in the care that He provides.

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “Trust Me one day at a time. This keeps you close to Me and responsive to My will. Trust is not a natural response, especially for those who have been deeply wounded. My Spirit within you is your resident Tutor, helping you in this supernatural endeavor. Yield to the Spirit’s gentle touch; be sensitive to His prompting. Exert your will to trust Me in all circumstances. Don’t let your need to understand distract you from My Presence. Trust Me one day at a time, starting today.” (Psalm 84:12; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Jeremiah 17:7; Matthew 6:34)

“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