Out with the Old

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Time for 'out with the old and in with the new!' Holy Spirit has long since brought the song, "Auld Lang Syne" to my memory each time I have come to the end of a season. Mostly a tough, trying season! If we are in Christ, He will lead us to triumph (2 Cor 2:14). Let go of what you could not change this last season, forgive, and let it drop (Mk 11:25 AMPC). Listen for His still small voice to tell you how to proceed (Isa 30:21). He will be with you and He will never, ever leave you (Heb 13:5b).

To make sure Jesus is always with you, start by asking Him to forgive your sins, and thank Him for living on the inside of you. Next ask Him to give you a fresh infilling of His Holy Spirit. If God be for us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31)?

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Prayer for today:

Oh Heavenly Father, how I thank You for all You do for me daily. As I start this new devotional journey with You, I ask that you speak to my heart each day. May I listen for Your still small voice. Help me to write down what You'd have me to remember and meditate upon. I am in expectation of what You will do in and through me in the next 100 days! Thank You Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hope and Faith

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:23

The scripture above stood out to me years ago. I read it in many translations. One of them said, "Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The 'One' who promised is faithful." We must get a hold of 'hope' before we can grasp 'faith.' Then we must cling to it with all we have, no matter what. We receive hope by finding the verse that matches our needs and confessing until we "believe it!" Then we will see it comes to pass. God has plans to prosper us and not to harm us (Jer 29:11). Take time to meditate on Hebrews 10:23. I pray it will strike inspiration in you, like it has me.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

1 John 5:14-15

Prayer for today:

Father God, I bless Your Holy Name! My prayer today is that you would cause the anchor of hope to hold me steady till faith arises. Help me to meditate on Your word day and night, that it may enlighten the eyes of my understanding to Your will in my life. These things I pray in Your precious Son's name, Jesus. Amen.

Faith Builder

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

MATTHEW 17:20

Did you know that a mustard seed cannot be cross pollinated? The mustard seed stands alone. The Bible tells us that the mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, yet produces a tree where birds can nest (Matt. 13:31). But the faith builder is, "IT IS NOT THE SMALL FAITH—BUT THE UNCHANGING FAITH," that we need to grasp. A mustard seed can't be changed and therefore our faith should be unchangeable also. Once we get faith to believe for our petitions; we must be dogmatic, unchangeable, believing that what we ask for shall come to pass (1 John 3:22).

I pray that the eyes of your understanding be open to the parable of the mustard seed. May you have a new faith to believe God, without wavering or doubting (James 3:6-8), which is an unchangeable faith! In the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

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Prayer for today:

Heavenly Father, I come in thanksgiving to You. May the anchor of hope continue to hold me until I receive the unchanging faith that You have for me. My hope is forever in You and Your word. Cause both to grow in me, even as You have said that we would be changed from glory to glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Facing Doubts

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

ISAIAH 59:1

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him (Ps 18:30). We must keep in mind that the LORD will perfect that which concerns us; and that His mercy endures forever (Ps 138:8). Remember that we have learned to get a verse that relates to our situation and meditate on it believing until it comes to pass. Therefore, let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful (Heb 10:23).

I pray that you continue to be strong in the Lord as you wear the full armor of God, that you may be able to withstand the enemy's fiery darts of doubt. Stand therefore, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and walking in peace with the shield of faith where with you will be able to quench all the fiery doubting darts of the enemy (Eph 6:10-16). In Jesus' name. Amen!

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Prayer for today:

My Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. I know that You are ever present in my life. Help me to hold onto my profession of Your word for me. May I walk daily knowing that Your full armor is ever protecting me as I follow You. I will look to You when I am facing doubts, for You will deliver me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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