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The Rivers

Word of Encouragement : “What Shall I Render?”

“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” Psalm 1:3



Rivers of Water Church family, we’ve had a rough five years, but God has brought us through. I think we’ve got our footing back and we’re pressing ahead. In this third month of the New Year, 2024, my thoughts go to ‘what shall I render’ for all the goodness of God that has brought us this far (Psalm 116: 1, 5 -9, 12-14, 17-18).

I was listening to the testimony of Nicole C. Mullen regarding overcoming grief. Her Dad transitioned in December of 2016. She first talked about all he was to her and the family and how we may think of God in how we relate to our Dads. To summarize, she spoke of her Dad as a great man, good Father who loved her mother for 54 years and a godly man. She said if our Dads covered us, we feel covered but if they

didn’t then we feel naked. According to her, as God’s representative in the family, her Dad did not disappoint. He would awaken the family at 5:00 am for prayer together. She said that he made it easy to feel loved by God. She went on to say her Dad was her ceiling, her roof, her covering (Psalm 91:1-6 & Ezekiel 16:8).

She sang to him at the hospital bedside, trying her best to get him to live but he kept coding. As he left this life, she felt so naked and without a covering. Her marriage had ended because of abuse and now her Dad was gone too, but in the midst of that pain, she heard a whisper, “if you associated your marriage to being your ceiling and your Dad to being your roof, then I’m the sky..... there’s no-

where you can go that I won’t cover you....”. Her place of pain became an “alter of worship,” (her words, not mine) as she began thanking God for all His benefits (Psalm 103:1-5) .

A greeting card message reads, “being happy doesn’t make you grateful but being grateful will make you happy.” (Psalm 100:2-4)

I remember my own time of grief and God’s love, strength, peace and kindness imparted to me. So, with a glad heart I do His bidding and I forsake not the assembly. In so doing, I express to God my gratitude and my love for Him.

Love Always,

Sis. Rosie Drake



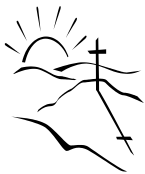
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Oh, what peace we
often forfeit. Oh,
what needless pains
we bear, all because
we do not carry, every-
thing to God in prayer.

*The Rivers of Water
Church is a mission-
ary church with a
world vision.*



*“And we know that
all things work togeth-
er for good to them
that love God, to
them who are the
called according to
His purpose.”*

Romans 8:28

Special Prayer

- Pastor Robert Drake II and Family
- Missionaries at ROW
- Haiti Mission
- Pastor David Mugalu
- Uganda Mission
- Nigeria Mission
- Camille Carroll
- Sis. Kimela Johnson
- Sis. Catherine Lee
- Zelda Morris
- Sis. Alice Sullivan
- Sis. Annie Wells



“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” Eph.6:18

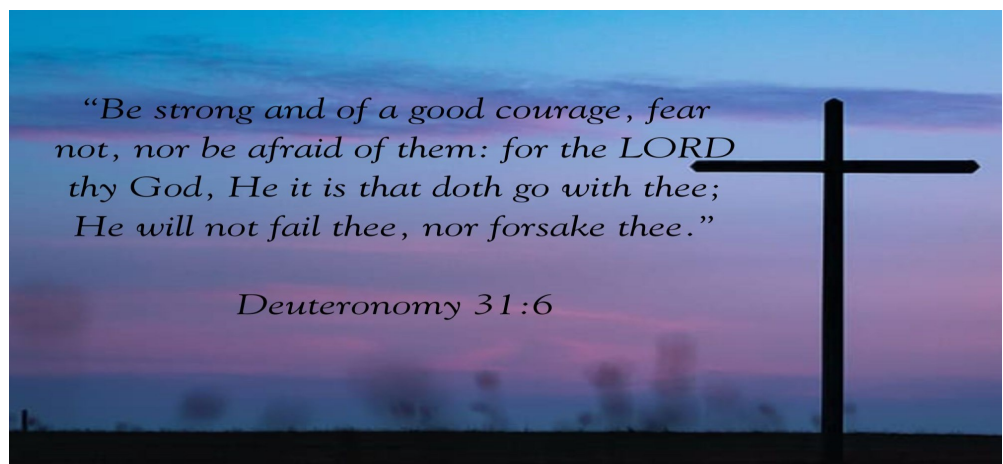
Encourage My Soul: Trusting the Lord

There are wars and rumors of wars in the world today. Kids are going missing every day. Living, even in the United States, is getting harder and we might be tempted to despair, except for the Word of God. Saints, trust what He says, look up and receive strength. **“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is that**

doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” (Deuteronomy 31:6). No matter where we are in the world today, we are not alone, for God is with us. When we feel overwhelmed and get discouraged from living in this world, let your heart be, **“... fixed, trusting in the LORD.”** (Psalm 112:7). Know that **“...all things work together for good to them that**

love God...” (Romans 8:28). Don't get confused or worried by this world and its constant change, instead, turn to the Lord and stand upon His never-changing Word. **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”** (II Timothy 3:16).

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*“But they that wait upon the
Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as
eagles; they shall run, and not be
weary; and they shall walk, and
not faint.”*

Isaiah 40:31

