



I walked a mile with pleasure; she chattered all the way, but left me none the wiser, for all she had to say.
I walked a mile with sorrow, and ne'er a word said she; but, O, the things I learned from her when sorrow walked with me.*

Love & Joy to you!

New Life Worship Ministries

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Pondering things in my heart ...

His treasures, His moments, His heart ♥

In January, when I was out walking, a beautiful young woman w/her precious newborn baby approached me with her cardboard sign asking for help. (Normally, I would have taken her grocery shopping.) However, I didn't have anything on me to help her, but I wasn't far from my car, so I told her to come with me and I'd give her something. Well, she couldn't understand me, and even though I was pointing toward my car on the other side of the parking lot, she turned and walked away. I called my friend Mary who speaks Spanish, in hopes she could interpret for me, but my call went straight to voice mail. When I got back to my car, I got some stuff together for her, and then went back looking for her, but she was nowhere to be found. So, I prayed, trusting Jesus to take care of her and her baby. (I still pray for her ...)

That wasn't the only time I've needed Spanish to communicate with someone in need. So, I've been thinking it's time for me to learn Spanish. So, I went online, and ordered ten lessons for \$10! I've taken the first 2 lessons!

Now, since the day I couldn't help that dear young woman with her baby, I've also been thinking, "Why didn't I just open my mouth and speak in tongues, aka Acts 2 ??? I've had the gift of "diverse tongues" since the 1970's, and sometimes recognize the languages, so I do believe that in situations like this, the Holy Spirit would speak just as He did in Acts 2:8-11. Selah ...



Pure, unstained religion, according to our Father, is to take care of orphans & widows when they suffer and to remain uncorrupted by this world. James 1:27

Luke 2:19

Mary kept all these things
like a secret treasure,
pondering them in her
heart, she thought about
them over and over again.



The “Edge of Eternity”

As you know, I've been working with Father Adel, teaching, doing worship, prayer, pastoral rounds, etc., since 2003. Jesus never disappoints. He is so very present! He affectionately calls this “The Edge of Eternity.”

There is one dear little lady named Ana who is from Serbia. In all the years, I've visited with her, I don't think she has ever spoken a word to me. She is “known” **not to speak**. So the extent of my time with her is often a hug, holding her hand and giving a kiss on the head, a prayer of blessing over her, etc.

Well, last Tuesday, when I went in to see her, she was already in bed for her nap, but she was awake. So, I got down and gave her a kiss, gently took her hand, and began to pray blessing over her ... when all of a sudden, she turned her head toward me, looked straight into my eyes and started speaking to me in (what I later found out was) Serbian!

I was so shocked! **This time**, I remembered the gift of “diverse tongues.” So trusting the Holy Spirit to speak to her ... I took a deep breath, and believing Jesus for His miracle, I responded to her in tongues. She looked at me, paused and answered me back!!! So, again, I answered her back in tongues. To my utter amazement, even the inflection in my voice was changing as in a normal conversation!

This went on for about 20 minutes, back and forth. At one point ...

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Jesus left the 99 & went after the 1

This is a principle that my mother taught me as a child. It is a principle the nuns lived by each and every day of their lives. Mother Theresa modeled it for the world. We see it in folks like The Baker's & and the Banov's. Jesus Christ modeled/models it for us all.

I love that the gospel of Jesus Christ is simple enough for a child to understand, and to participate!

A touch, a smile, a nod of the head ... so simple, yet so powerful, opening the door to share the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To think He died for each of us as if we had been the only “one!”

I don't think I'll ever get over it!



Andrew, & his cellies thank you too!

For those of you who have been praying for Andrew, he was moved to Tracy in September. However, Tracy has been on lockdown for Hispanics and Blacks since June. Even though Andrew had nothing to do with the lockdown, because he is Hispanic, he is in lockdown too. Therefore, he was fined for not showing up in the Stockton court! However, he is receiving mail and sending mail – as he grows in Christ, he continues to share with his cellies back in San Jose! He & his family thank you for your prayers ... he is using this time to set his foundation, studying, praying and writing letters to encourage his cellies.



Drive by gift bags = Gospel of John, Embrace of Jesus, healthy snack, sox, and kisses from Jesus!

Homeless "Drive-by's"

Another favourite, is what Jesus has affectionately called "Drive-by's." As we approach a homeless person standing in the middle of the road with their cardboard sign, with a big smile and the love of Jesus, we say, "God bless you," while handing them one of our gift bags. Gift bags include the gospel of John, a healthy snack, a pic of them in the arms of Jesus w/scriptsures, and Kisses from Heaven - well, Hershey kisses. (-) ♥

Their response is always that of one who has just been touched by Jesus Himself! One day recently, as my Grandson Corey and I were driving into Costco's parking lot, he saw a homeless lady on the far side of the parking lot with her sign. He said, "Nonna, there's a homeless lady with her sign over at the other entrance! We could give her a gift bag!" Delighted, I told him we'd be sure to go out that entrance so he could give her a blessing from Jesus.

Finished w/our errands, I gave him instructions on how to give a gift from Jesus, and we prayed. He reached into our bag of gifts, and took out a bag for her, including a pic of Jesus comforting a woman. As our car got up close to her, he reached out to her with the gift bag, smiling really big and saying, "God bless you. Happy New Year."

Even with a line of cars behind us, she paused and was visibly touched by the Lord's presence. She couldn't stop smiling and thanking him. Then, she looked up and saw the line of cars, said "thank you" again and we drove away. As we were driving away, Corey said, "Oh Nonna, that felt so right!" Brings me to tears just remembering how Jesus touched him too! ♥

More on "Ana's" story of grace ...

At one point ... You know how we can't remember a word we're thinking of, and we pause, until it comes to mind ... ? Well, Ana did that; looking at me with a pause, recalling the word and then continuing on in her sentence! At one point, when I responded, she looked at me knowingly and smiled!!! I was both amazed and scared at the same time. I have no idea what they were talking about but clearly she did!

I did not know how this conversation was going to end, but then a time came when I said what were to be the last words, and she looked at me, smiled and seemed to just "rest." Like she was content and finished, completely satisfied with what HE had to say to her; I wonder if she'll "go home" soon ... ?

I am still so blown away by this - thank You for your love, prayers and support. You were clearly a part of this conversation, as you bless me so that I can spend this kind of time with each "one" Jesus leads me to for His heart's desire. I thank God for you always! Through your love, prayers and support, you are a blessing to many!

May Our Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and God of all Comfort, grant you, even in this moment, His sweet smile, His countenance upon you, as you continue blessing precious lives each and every day, one at a time ... precious time.



Introducing Claudia & Steve Klann ...

As per a vision given back in 1998, I am known to ask Jesus, Lord of the Harvest, to send us labourers, skilled, equipped and hand chosen by Him – ready for the harvest! It is a joy to introduce to you, Steve & Claudia Klann. I have known them and worked with them personally for years. In December, Jesus led them to transfer their credentials over to New Life Worship Ministries. So, we re-ordained them under the Nlwm covering which is Jesus Christ, the High Priest of the Bliss! Our covering is first, and foremost, relational, imparting the tangible substance of Heaven. His joy was very present and evident as we prayed together in the beauty of His holiness. It is an honour to have them on the team.

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On a personal note ... Added to my life this month, is cataract surgery on February 14th – Happy Valentine's to me! The week following, I'll be sharing with the regional Aglow Ladies. Thank you for your prayers for a quick recovery and fresh bread hot out of the ovens of heaven! Love you!

"A smile is the shortest distance between two people."

Victor Borge, US (Danish-born) comedian & pianist (1909 - 2000)

Much love and grace upon grace, Betty

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* Poem "Pleasure & Sorrow" by Robert Browning Hamilton



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