



Isaiah 61:11 ... For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. KJ

Rejoicing Abounds ♥ Jesus is Alive!

Happy Spring! "On this day in early spring ... you have been set free." Exodus 13:4 NLT

New Life Worship Ministries

Spring 2012

Happy Resurrection Celebration!

♪♪ Because He lives, we can face tomorrow

Because He lives, all fear is gone

Because I know, I know, He holds the future

Life is worth the living, just because He lives! ♪♪

This is my favourite holiday for so many reasons! It is also my favourite season – Springtime! Everything is so green, coming alive after sleeping all winter long. The trees are budding, flowers are blooming with new life everywhere!

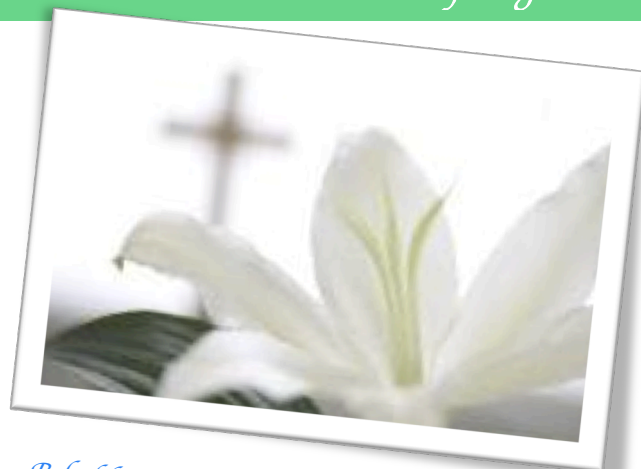
I am reminded of God's promise in Genesis 8:22 ... While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. ESV

I am so amazed that because of the Joy set before Him, Jesus gave His life on the Cross for us! I will never forget Easter 1973, experiencing God's overflowing love and forgiveness as my sins had been buried in the waters of Baptism. Saved, healed, delivered, a brand new start, love overflowing with joy unspeakable and full of glory! Whoo!

To this very day, His faithfulness has continued to pour forth joy in the midst of sorrow, strength in the weakest of seasons, not just for us, but multiplied over and over again to His honour and His glory! Amen!

1 Peter 1:3-5 ... A New Life

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole. MSG



Behold I make all things new! ♥ Revelations 21:5

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10

Do you know that all over believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore — you're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom. MSG



Update on Andrew ...

Job 42:2 ... Job answered God: "I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans; Your plans are unstoppable; no purpose of Yours will be thwarted, or withheld!"

It was a bumpy month for Andrew's mother, but God! After 6 months waiting, she was finally scheduled for a visit. She got through all the checkpoints, and waited for Andrew; but she was suddenly informed there would be no visit! Then, her letters were being returned as well. After weeks of phone calls & e-mails, nothing! Very worried, she wrote me and I sent a prayer request to our prayer team. Faithful is HE who will do it! Yay God!



Andrew's Step-Dad & Mom, Mike & Allison

"Hi Betty Praise Jesus received a letter today from Andrew!!! He apparently has not been receiving any mail for some time (my letters being returned etc., of which he is not aware of..) He wanted to touch base and let us all know he loves us and is thinking of us..THEN he added on Wednesday at 4 AM he was being transferred (PRAISE GOD) to High Desert Prison in Susanville (big surprise..) I will keep you posted. THANK YOU JESUS!!! Much love!! Allison"

Some of you are on the prayer team – so thank you again! Prison ministry is very confidential, hence not at liberty to share each story. However, I believe God has chosen Andrew's family to give us a personal look "inside." Jesus came to set the prisoners free!

Isaiah 61:1-3 ... The Good News of Deliverance

"The Sovereign Lord has filled me with His Spirit. He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save His people and defeat their enemies. He has sent me to comfort all who mourn, to give to those who mourn in Zion, joy and gladness instead of grief, a song of praise instead of sorrow. They will be like trees that the Lord Himself has planted. They will all do what is right, and God will be praised for what He has done." The Good News Translation



Walking in the Rain

♪♪ Let it rain, let it rain
Open the windows of Heaven
And let it rain! ♪♪

"Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together.

I, the Lord, have created it.

Isaiah 45:8 ... NKJ

A founding scripture for NLWM (3/8/98), and a personal favourite, I fully expect to see it manifest in my lifetime. In the meantime, let us continue to walk in the rain – His reign in our own lives, doing His will and His good pleasure.

John 11:40 ... "Did I not tell you," replied Jesus, "that if you believed, you would see the wonder of what God can do?" J.B. Phillips NT

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you and promise you that if you would believe and rely on Me, you would see the glory of God?" AMP



Thank you for your helping hands of
love & support ♥

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

"Justice is on the Way!"

You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure; it's a must. We have to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why, it's only right that we give thanks. We're so proud of you; you're so steady and determined in your faith despite all the hard times that have come down on you. We tell everyone we meet in the churches all about you." MSG

I thank God for you continually. It is such a comfort knowing Jesus has placed you by my side, holding up my arms in prayer, as He leads me day by day, moment by moment imparting His grace to those in dire need! I feel "carried and covered." I am forever grateful ...



Yes, you read this right ...

Last week, I read that 25 major cities across our nation have outlawed feeding the homeless in the streets. Even ministries were denied permits to feed the poor. Clearly, this is not right. People perish for a lack of food, and knowledge. I often wonder "How did this happen?"

Going in quietly, w/o 'sounding our horn,' only Jesus and those in need know we were there! So, rather than walk past those who are homeless, I will stop and ask, "So, what's your story?" I find 3 stories over and over again.

1.

Some, mostly men, are homeless due to poor decisions: drugs, alcohol, wrecklessness, rebellion, and lawlessness = hiding from the law!

2.

Some are homeless due to mental illness and past abuse resulting in a huge lack of trust and great fear.

3.

Others are skilled labourers, who've never been out of work in their lives. Some of these men are working, but not making enough to pay rent.

Therefore, it is God's heart that comes first in our lives as His children. We must follow Jesus where He leads, and do whatever He is doing in the moment. We can do this easily, in secret, not letting our right hand know what our left hand is doing ... *selah*. We are hidden in Christ. ♥

So, do not let anything or anyone rob you of your joy, your peace, or your acts of kindness!!! ♥ Forgive, release and keep moving forward, eyes on Jesus ... take His hand and let Him lead you. It might get bumpy, but not to worry, He's got you! ♥ Hey!

Drive-By Blessings ...

Continue to amaze me! How Jesus can take something so simple and bless it so sweetly reminds me of the loaves and fishes – little is much when God is in it!

We overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony! Hence, just a few testimonies of Jesus going after the "one."

Corner of Almaden and 85 ... Handing one of our gift bags to a young man with his cardboard sign, I said, "God bless you, Sir!" He took it, smiled at me, looked at the bag and said, with so much joy, "Sox! Thank you so much!!!"

A young man, Daniel, outside Marshall's at the Pruneyard ... I stopped and asked him, "So, what's your story?" He's been challenged w/learning disabilities all his life; can't hold down a job. He hoped to get enough \$ to get a room for the night. I told him, "I can't give you money, but I can pray for you. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you." Thinking he might have homeless friends, I gave him extra bottles of water, and 3 gift bags.

As a result, Jesus opened his heart and we prayed together for his soul, and his well-being. As I gave him a "God hug," he was clearly touched by the love of Jesus. He said, "You have given me so much more than money! Thank you." I quickly assured him of God's faithfulness to provide. He asked for contact info, so I wrote on his cardboard sign ...

Manteca gas station ... old man, clearly a meth addict, going through the trash, cheerfully received; In Tracy, 2 men and a woman standing on the corner outside Costco ... and the list goes on, each one receiving His Word which does not return void, but prospers wherein it is sent!

Jesus knows every hair on each of their heads! What we do for the least of these, we have done it unto Him! Even as we are walking or driving by, we can still bless and impart the blessing of God Most High! Jesus saves! Hey!



The Edge of Eternity ...

This last visit included some light-hearted fun as the residents were treated to "The Shamrocks," a senior line dancing group. Standing in the back of the room, suddenly Jesus set my feet to dancing! The activities director pointed to me and said, "Pastor Betty, come up and dance!" So I did, and His joy was contagious – gotta love His ways! Getting back to my rounds, Jesus continued to show His love:

Ana ... Much to my surprise, when I entered her room, she immediately greeted me with a smile and started to cry when I leaned down to give her a kiss ... and she kissed me back!

Ruth ... a dear sweet lady I met last year. Due to MRSA, she and her husband were in isolation at that time. Although her husband passed, she recovered. Well, last week, I found her in isolation again – MRSA. She was happy to see me and said she didn't want to complain, but she wanted "to go." She is ready ... so I agreed with her in prayer.

Ann ... couldn't find her little boy. So I assured her that he was ok and that Jesus was taking care of him. She immediately felt better as the peace that passes all understanding fell upon her ever so gently. He even touched the nurse who was standing a couple feet from us! TU Jesus!

Janetta ... She was first on my list, for she was very close to crossing over ... When I got to her room, I gave her daughter a reassuring hug, and positioned myself at the head of the bed. Taking Janetta's hand, I kissed her forehead. Her daughter had to take a call, trusting her mother to me. Waiting before the Lord, to my surprise, the Holy Spirit began to sing the song of the Lord over her ... a peaceful and comforting flow of His loving embrace. Jesus took her home that evening.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

This is only a little taste of all that Jesus does through these ministries. At least 70% of NLWM is done in secret.

More than once, in tears, I've asked Jesus to send us labourers who walk in the Light of His Word, tried in His holy fire, skilled and ready to lay down their lives, with a surrendered heart to serve in faith that works through love, thereby manifesting the beauty of His Holiness.

You are an answer to prayer. Each morning, as I take Holy Communion, I pray for you. I trust Jesus, the High Priest of the Bliss to anoint you, your families, and ministry with the tangible substance of Heaven! Thank you again for serving with me! You are blessing many!

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus ... It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful. The Message Translation

*Much love and grace upon grace,
Betty Jordan and the NLWM Team*



"Dance of Grace" by Mark Keathley
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