



Prayer Focus March 27th-April 2nd

**God will heal us** in our obedience to Him

This past weekend I wasn't going to attend a lecture I knew the Lord told me to attend over a month ago. I didn't "feel" like going anyways. The past three weeks leading up to the event, I was not motivated to attend so I had not prepared my stay and I did not want to drive the six hours to attend. My circumstances became my focus. I am certain many of us have experienced feeling this way at some point in our lives.

It was five in the afternoon on Friday and I finally began praying. I asked the Lord for help; for Him to motivate me to go and get over my lack of initiative and my disobedience. I was repenting of fear, doubt & disobedience so I could move forward and obey. To attend the seminar was going to take a miracle, first within my soul and second, to have a place to stay and the mental and physical fortitude to make the drive. The Holy Spirit quickened my soul to trust that the Lord was going to take care of the details, the details of my state of being and where I would stay. The enemy was using my circumstances to hinder me from obeying God.

I understood that I was in a spiritual battle so I had to get my soul to align with the Lord and get out of my feelings. I laid on my bed like a blob with no purpose, desperately relying on Jesus to change me. Twenty minutes later I received a new hope to move forward and made a phone call to one of my dearest friends that lived in the region I was headed to and asked if I may stay at her home. She said yes, of course and then I realized I had to honor her and ultimately, please God. I asked God to take over, miraculously I was packed in twenty minutes and was in awe. I ended up attending the seminar and experienced tremendous healing from going. My hope was refreshed by seeing my sweet friend and we got to pray together and encourage one another.

The doom and gloom left me and the Lord had imparted to me the truth that victory is all God intends. He has no plan B, just another stellar Plan A to get us to the destination He authored for us.

As I write this I was reminded that no matter what, God knows us well. He requires us to obey even when we have experienced severe discouragement and hopelessness. Nothing is lost in Him, not even moments when we have been captivated by the lies of the enemy- He will set us free even if we don't believe it's possible.

The Lord has already gone before us and factored in our setbacks, our responses to the trials we face. He knows our sinful nature of disbelief and the woundings we have to

deal with in order to move forward and obey. We know what the Word says, obedience rather than sacrifice is preferred by God.

While I was at the seminar, the teacher laid hands on each person to minister to us and the spirit of heaviness broke off me. My joy in the Lord, restored.

As I was drove home today the Holy Spirit reminded me that obedience is certainly not dependent upon feelings but about simply trusting God and moving forward anyways. In fact, feelings, as we know, can keep us from our obeying and ultimately, our healing and most likely, someone else's too.

The scripture the Holy Spirit gave me was John 5:8- where Jesus commanded the paralytic man to take up his mat and walk. The mat represented his greatest disappointment and sorrow and also his reason that he could not live for Christ and obey Him. Jesus was asking the man on the mat to no longer acknowledge the problem but to please God and obey and when he chose to obey God despite his state of being, he was healed. My personal experience was not in any way devastating yet I came to understand that choosing to please Him despite my flesh, healed me. Changed my perspective of the very issue I am facing.

Praise YOU, LORD! You are so merciful.

Prayer Points-

Ask the Lord what is it that He is wanting you to "get up" from so that you may be healed?

Ask the Lord whio you can share this with so they too may be healed in their mind or body?

Scriptures-

John 5:8

" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

Psalms 121:2

"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 18:6

"In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears."

Psalms 86:6-7

"Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy."

**Song:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYZY78hwLM8>