

Prayer Focus by Christianna Schreifels April 29th-May 5th, 2024

Resting in the midst of the battle

This morning as I am praying and waiting on what He wants to say for this week- I heard the Holy Spirit say-, "Rest. I am doing it all according to My will. I hear your prayers." As a group of believers and intercessors we are seeing an acceleration of distress in our culture and our earth- simultaneously, we are recognizing an increase in peace and clarity and our focus is becoming streamlined. Today I was crying out to the Lord on behalf of the students on our states college campuses where pro-terrorists are being allowed to discriminate against Jewish students- I saw a video that was live-streamed from UCLA and a Jewish student was not allowed to cross the pro-Palestinian students. They prevented him from attending classes. It reminded me of almost a century ago, this kind of behavior became tolerated and the Jewish holocaust occurred. It is such a touchy subject because many in our society do not want to, and even refuse to acknowledge the Jewish holocaust and that it was one of the darkest chapters in our worlds' history because people remained silent. It is when I was crying out for God to protect, and to intervene on behalf of the innocent people that I heard Him say, 'Rest in the midst of the battle. I am doing it all according to My will. I hear your prayers."

The reality is- He is aware and not surprised nor daunted by what is happening on our soil. He is hearing us and He has heard us. "He is working all things together for our good to them who love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

This scripture verse implies that we rest in His decisions- His outcome is Sovereign and all He asks of us is to trust and know He heard us and His purpose prevails in it all, even in times of war.

He is teaching us to trust Him far more deeply and completely in every detail of our lives and our world. He is displaying, as He always has, His sovereignty. We are coming to the end of the performing Christian, somehow believing that it is completely up to us, as if we were the reason things changed. Instead, we are becoming fully reliant on His strength and soberly aware of God's sovereignty in everything. We are relinquishing our understanding and resting in Him even in the outcomes that have resulted in pain and suffering. God will change, prevent, deliver, heal, remedy, vindicate, justify, redeem, raise, bring down - what and whom He chooses for His good pleasure. So we continue to stand, pray, petition still and ultimately say-"Let your kingdom come, let your will be done here on earth as it is written in heaven...." I pray you are encouraged by this.

Prayer Points:

- 1.) Pray for this Thursday- National Day of Prayer- pray for the protection of the people that will publicly gather to pray.
- 2.) Let's vigilantly keep in prayer and plead the Blood of Jesus over the college campuses in our state and country- especially the students and being discriminated against.
- 3.) Let's pray for the law enforcement and their protection as they deal with these protestors.
- 4.) Let's pray that salvation and revelation of the true God- our God of Israel, will be revealed to the protestors on the campuses.
- 5.) Let's pray for the hostages in Israel to be rescued and while they are waiting they find Jesus.
- 6.) Let's pray for ourselves that we rest when the Lord is asking us to, especially in the midst of the spiritual battle we are seeing escalate.

Scriptures:

<u>1 Samuel 17:47</u> - "And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands."

<u>2 Corinthians 10:4</u> - "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;"

Romans 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

<u>Matthew 24:6</u>- "And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately."

Proverbs 19:21: "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand."

Song:

Holy Forever - Jenn Johnson, Bethel Music | Moment