



Prayer Focus by Christianna Schreifels

June 3rd-June 9th, 2024

Restored to our first Love & Child-like faith

This week has been an interesting one. Sickness, we lost a pet to an autoimmune disease. We then lost his companion because he escaped when we were not home. Our dog was grieving and he broke the fence to search for his lost companion. So, we prayed and cried and kept declaring scripture over the circumstance. Our dog was gone for over forty hours- lost in a very busy city and no tags were on his collar because he had just lost them a few days before. During this time we had also been going through financial challenges and sickness and it was just a very hard week. Two nights ago, I heard the Lord's still small voice amidst the chaos and lack of rest- He said, "He is alive and well." My husband had two dreams the night before- both dreams were the Lord telling my husband that our dog was going to be returned to us.

Miraculously, our dog was restored to us, whole. The Lord used this incident to bring us back to relying on Him when there was literally nothing we could do but post flyers, pray, trust and wait.

I shared this story to encourage you- if you are dealing with something difficult, God is in it with you. We know nothing happens without Him being aware of what we are going through. He can restore what is impossible for us to do. He will replace a lost job, He will bring home a prodigal child, He will restore a marriage, He will comfort you during a loss of a dear one or the loss of a beloved pet. He will heal an incurable disease. In this time frame we, the body of Christ, are being restored to Christ, our first Love. There is something so raw within our souls right now- our awareness of our broken state without Him as we witness how broken our world has become and it is beautiful to the Lord. The Holy Spirit is using this time to increase our child-like faith to repair the breach in our souls, in our families and most importantly, to bring us to Him.

He doesn't want us ministering if we aren't ministering to Him first. Ministry can wait if we are not filling up on Him. It's the same with children- they live to be near their parents. Everything comes from their parents- food, shelter, provision, safety, comfort, security, relationship and love - The Lord wants us to depend fully on Him as we once did. Thank You Jesus! Our child-like faith will remove the mountains we speak to in Jesus Name!

Prayers:

- 1.)** The Lord is restoring us to our first Love. Let's pray that all hindrances are removed- such as distractions and over-commitments that keep us busy, diminishing our availability to hear the Lord.
- 2.)** I feel the Lord is calling us to fast and intercede to break patterns in our lives- thought patterns, dysfunctional relationship patterns, patterns of behavior even in our spending our time and our finances are being broken off. Let's pray for our eyes to be refreshed after repenting from any idolatry that keeps us from the Lord. Idolatry can be something so small, it can even be in a routine we do, or a food we eat, a T.V. show we have to watch.
- 3.)** Pray for fresh fire from the Holy Spirit to get to the, "new things," God is calling us too and asking the Lord for us to let go of the habitual.
- 4.)** Pray for the protection of your time, ask for wisdom on what we need to intercede for.: I believe the Lord is going to have us see by Holy Spirit revelation- what spirits are behind certain cycles in our state and we will tear these strongholds down more effectively from this point on.

Scriptures:

Mark 10:15 "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Matthew 18:3 And said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

John 15:16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."

Mark 11:23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.

Song:

[Faith Like a Child Jars of Clay with Lyrics](#)