

## REMEMBER THE SPRING OF YOUR FAITH

Dear Friend:

I don't know where you are in your spiritual life, but if you are not where you want to be let these words move you to where God wants you to be...

Believer, here is a sorrowful truth! You are the beloved of the Lord, redeemed by blood, called by grace, prepared in Christ Jesus, accepted in the beloved, on the way to heaven and yet, you have dealt treacherously with God, your best friend, treacherously with Jesus, whose you are, treacherously with the Holy Spirit, by whom you have been sealed for eternal life! Do you remember the love of God, that happy time-the springtime of your spiritual life? How closely did you cling to your Master then saying: "He will never charge me with indifference; I will not suffer my heart to wonder after other loves. I give up my all for the Lord's sake".

Has it been so? If your conscience would speak, would it say: "I promised so well but performed most ill". Prayer has been short but not sweet; brief but no fervent. Communion with Christ has been forgotten. Instead of a heavenly mind, there have been carnal cares. Instead of service, disobedience. Instead of fervency - lukewarmness. Instead of faith, confidence in the flesh. As a soldier of the cross there has been cowardice and disobedience at time, even desertion at times.

You have dealt treacherously with God. Let there be repentance with remorse, let there be a trip to the foot of the cross for confession. Beg God not to deal treacherously with you but to deal graciously and mercifully with you. Remember the words of the great hymn: "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light". If your spiritual life of late has been like the cold winter winds, return to the cross - a cross of repentance where the price for all your sins has been paid.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

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Prayers: Sara and Matthew Temby (Matthew stationed in Puerto Rica U.S. Coast Guard), Cathy Cooley (had heart transplant,

kidneys not doing well), Reut & Yishae (serve in Israeli Defense Force, on the front lines).

Events: Saturday, still time to go serve Christmas Lunch at the Hilltop U.B. Church. Carpooling from church 12:15pm YOU ARE NEEDED, remember our mission: "Send believers out to impact the world"; Tuesday December 19th 6:00pm Women's Ministry