Overflow even in the assault.

Do you ever feel a pulling, a subtle but assaulting tug in your spirit? Your focus is on what others think of you. How you feel? Your insecurities, lack and fear... This is perilous ground! Our focus should be directly on Jesus; looking neither to the left nor to the right!

Does that mean we won't have to confront, face issues or challenges? No, but we should do so in ways pleasing to the Lord, and as the Holy Spirit would lead, not as we feel! Feelings can be selfish; our own passions our own desires. Feelings can imprison us!

So then, let us be led by the Spirit!

We live in a world where the light dazzles us, circumstances overwhelm us, we can be held captive by its ways. Yes, we are indeed on dangerous territory when we allow these hindrances to consume us.

Today, let the Lord only, captivate us!

Let us be overwhelmed to overflow by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today, let this well-known song be our melody.

"Reign in me, sovereign Lord

Reign in me, sovereign Lord, reign in me!

Captivate my heart

Let you kingdom come!

Establish now your throne

Let you will be done!

Reign in me, sovereign Lord, reign in me!" © 1985 Sovereign lifestyle music Words and Music Christopher. A. Bowater.

Allow yourself to be released into Kingdom Living....

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;

Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Behind the scenes.

So you feel in unworthy!

Partly or fully...

Have you read the new testament?

Have you taken God at his word?

You need to listen; you need to have ears that hear.

As the town Cryer would herald, 'hear ye hear ye.'

"The Lord is forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call upon him." Psalm 86:5

"God showed his love for us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

You need to hear this today!

The word tells us, God cannot lie!

God's promises are Yes and Amen!

He is the same yesterday, today and forever!

The following excerpt is a hearts cry. Take time to read.

"Can I tell you something Father, can I tell you something, you don't already know? Can I tell you something Father, that I've never spoken before? Can I tell you something Father, you don't already know?"

God' reply.

"There nothing, oh my child, there is nothing, that I don't already know. I have seen and I have heard. There is nothing, I don't already know. I loved you before you were created!

I loved in your mother's womb. I have loved you in your life's journey. I love you even now.

So much, so my darling child. I sent you Jesus! No matter, what has passed, no matter what will come. Whatever you may tell me, has already been made known. This is my love for you!"

This is freedom! Will you live your life in part or in full with the Lord? Believe & receive...

Yes, this is freedom!

Jesus in the room.

Do you ever feel as if you are just going through the motions? Never quite getting there. Not fully alive?

Let me take you to Mark 5:21-43. The story of Jairus' daughter.

I will keep this simple. Cause sometimes we just need to hear it plain and simple. Profound! As it really is!

They all surrounded, crowded the girl lying as though dead in her bed, they loved her, they were concerned, distraught. They sought Jesus. He came. He stood in the room. He told them all to leave. Only the parents and his disciples remained.

Jesus was in the room. The girl and Jesus!

Yes, we need others in our lives to surround us with prayer and love, when we can't stand on our own. But when it's all said and done, we need Jesus in the room!

You and Jesus! Me and Jesus!

He will take you by the hand and say, "Talitha, Koum! Little girl, I tell you to stand up!"

Today he's telling us, little girl, little boy, man or woman, "Stand up Arise!"

Stand up to what?

All that would suck the life out of you!

No more lying down to it! Jesus in the room. This is where your authority lies.

Every room you walk into. He is with you!

He has equipped you. It is his power that is within you, you have been given all the tools required. Intellect, wisdom, opportunity. His very Spirit, the same Spirit that raised Jairus' child from her sleep, and Jesus Himself from the dead! Yes, that same spirit is within YOU!

Now that's power!

"Talitha, Koum!"

Perfect imperfections.

Church is not perfect. People are not perfect. Christ Jesus the head of the church IS!

1 Corinthians 12 v 18-20, tells us church is the body of Christ. Each of us having a part to play. Whether it's the pastor, elders, deacons, congregational members, youth leaders, door stewards or cleaners. Each one bears the other up in order to 'keep church!' We, however, are not without our 'perfect,' imperfections.

Therefore, our focus must be on Jesus. Ephesians 5 v23 says that we should submit to Christ. Yes, he is after all head of the church.

When our eyes are fixed on Jesus, we can accomplish all that He has intended for His church, and love each other even in our imperfections.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace."

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No matter what.

It's often said, a mother loves her child so unconditionally it hurts, and from a mothers point of view I know this to be so.

No doubt, a father's love is just as strong!

No matter where they are in life, whatever decisions they make, the life they choose to live, though it may not be how we would have it for them. The love for our children does not & will not diminish. Even if it hurts!

Consider how our heavenly father must feel when we walk away. Sometimes we don't listen to him, we make it all about us. Instead we choose paths that would deviate us away from our calling. He must be so hurt.

Yet still.... He loves!

Romans 5 v 8:

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Unconditional love is known as affection without any limitations. Love without conditions is complete love!

Know you are loved! God desires communion with his beloved...YOU!

Feeling Rough.

Apply the Balm of Joy.

When our lips become chaffed and rough, we can apply a soothing, moisturising lip balm with healing properties infused through it, to soften the roughness till healing has come.

The Lord Would have us;

In our sorrow apply the balm of joy,

In our pain apply the balm of joy,

In our grief apply the balm of joy.

'How can I be joyful when I'm so sore?"

When we know God as our healer, our source, our vision. Our wonderful counsellor, prince of peace, mighty God, our all in all. We will know the joy of the Lord to be our strength, our balm of joy.

Apply this balm of joy and feel the healing benefit as the rough is made smooth.

Hebrews 12:2 tells us: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

He is our joy.

By Design.

If you have ever looked at a clothes pattern you would see all the individual pieces required to make the perfect outfit, all the measurements need to be exact, so that the finished garment is not a poor fit.

Each shape has to be cut slightly over to allow for seams, hems, trims.

If we cut less than the required measurement there is no room for error. The fitting would be a disaster, with bursting seams. The material not even or fitting together.

We are God's pattern. He has allowed for error, mistakes. He has given us that bit more so that we can be trimmed to perfection.

He has given us Jesus, who comes to help us be that beautiful well made, well fitted garment that is 'made to measure.' One that only wears well on you.

Someone else can maybe squeeze into it for a time. Then the discomfort from an ill-fitting garment sets in.

Be who you were destined to be. God shaped!

Romans 12:2: says

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

The world would try to shape you into its pattern, but God has you, 'fearfully and wonderfully made.' Psalm 139 v 14.

Don't let a garment that doesn't belong to you weight you down.

When your dressed in the beautiful made to measure outfit that is 'Yours alone,' you will be dressed for success in every way!

Wear it well!

"You are God's masterpiece!" Ephesians 2:10

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Genesis 1:31

Yep, that's me and you!