

5-day short devotionals.

Day 1: Revival, Restoration, Renewal.

Sometimes, we need some spiritual CPR. Picture this, a lifeless body and CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is being performed. The body is listless, unable to breathe or perform normal functions, Then there's Life! Breathing returns, consciousness returns, altered state normalized. Let us look at Mark 5: Jairus has been told his daughter is dead. Jesus, with her parents and the disciples, went into the room where she lay lifeless, He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up") Breathing returns, consciousness returns, altered state normalized.... She got up and Jesus said, "give her something to eat." Nourishment was required. When the very presence of Jesus is in the room, he is all the CPR you need. Do you need some spiritual CPR? Child of God, breathe in the breath of God & rise up and get into the word for your nourishment. There is; Revival, Restoration and Renewal, there is life in Christ Jesus! Let us pray spiritual revival, restoration, and renewal not only in our lives, our families, our health, our relationships, our finances but in our Land! Revive us again Lord God, revive us! Be not afraid, only believe. (Mark 5:36).

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Day 2: Children of God; Heirs of the Father.

As believers, we have the privilege of Kingdom living; we have an inheritance that enables us to live beyond, in supernatural power & above our earthly circumstances. Yet so often we walk with heavy hearts, heads low, shoulders stooped, because we often take back what we gave to Jesus for our healing and our restoration. When we take back our fears, our lack, our pain, and start to live in the power of fear, this can lead to us carrying the weight of depression, darkness, and an overwhelming woe. Is this truly where we want to be? If you say to yourself, "Is this where I want to be?" You will hear yourself promptly say 'heck no!' The enemy would have you dwell on the circumstances & the struggles, "Oh but this is happening to me, that's happening to me, I'm melting, I'm sinking." We cannot deny the problems we face but we can by the power of the Holy Ghost and the Kingdom Authority given to us by Jesus. We can dare to rise up. Yes, rise up children of God and cause the enemy to tremble. We are called to *Kingdom Living* even when we are in the storm. We have been given Kingdom Authority over the storms, over the waves that rise high to destroy everything in their wake. Yes, WE, YOU and I have this Authority in Christ Jesus. Listen to this... Luke 10:19 (NKJV) 'Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.' Wow! This incredible gift is our right as children of God! 1 Peter 2:9 'You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.' Today let us declare God's word over our circumstances... Let us NOT focus on the circumstances themselves but on what God can do in them. James 1:2-8 'My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask

of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with doubting, for he who doubts it is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.'

Romans 8:17: 'Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.'

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Day 3: Let Us Have Ears to Hear.

For those of us who went to church, chapel or Sunday school in generations past and even those of us who didn't, there is often a perception of church services with old long, drawn-out hymns being sung in notes we couldn't reach, with words we couldn't fully grasp or understand. With fondness, I remember them so well. Sometimes we just made words up as we sang.... or use the words we thought we had heard. I was one of those Sunday school kids belting out songs in a key all my own and with my own made-up words. In fact, I am still the same today! 😊 I remember too, of a young child who loved to sing the song, 'Come on and celebrate.' In her wee sweet voice & with great exuberance & gusto, she sang what she had heard; "Come on and sell the paint!" 🎵🎵🎵😂😂 Then there was the old Sunday school song, 'Round the walls of Jericho, the army went, seven times without a stop,' but instead of 'STOP' the child belted out, "seven times without a... 'SCONE' 🎵🎵🎵😂😂 As we get older, the realization that the words that we sang are not as we thought and the words that we were meant to have sung are now a 'Revelation.' Now we understand and know that there are sound truths in these words, there is an anointing in these old songs. Songs that glorify and honour God. Teaching His great love towards us. There is restorative revelation in those words. No matter how old or how new our songs are, there is wonderful power in those words of truth. Matthew 13:9: "Whoever has ears, let them hear." Those songs of old, with words of old Words of old, a song for today! Be blessed in the revelation of those wonderful old Sunday school songs; they certainly played a pivotal role in so many of our lives.

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Day 4: Pray like Jesus.

Short and sincere Powerful and effective. Let us read what Jesus says in these two translations about praying. Matthew 6:7: (N.I.V), 'And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. (N.K.J.V), And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard of their many words. How often do we hear some really flowery prayers, repeating the same words, same phrases over and over? Some words we do not even understand? Sometimes they sound so eloquent and intellectual. I have heard a few! They may even be spiritually sound, but what they can sometimes do is put us off praying aloud in public. We feel insecure, limited, too embarrassed to speak or even attempt to pray in front of others thinking our words would be

few, not enough, too simple, and not as good as others. Well, let us pray like Jesus! Here are few of the prayers that Jesus himself said, Jesus prayed, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me." This was said when he was at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:41). He prayed, "Father, glorify your name!" This was during Passion Week (John 12:28). Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," he prayed this as He hung on the cross (Luke 23:34). He prayed, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit," also whilst on the cross & with his final breath (Luke 23:46). Then we have 'The Lord's Prayer,' a short prayer, in Matthew 6:9-13 where Jesus says, "This, then, is how you should pray, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the Glory. Forever, Amen.'" A prayer that says it all, a prayer that contains everything we need to pray for daily living. A template for our own prayer life, in the war room, in the secret place or in front of others. Short and sincere Powerful and effective. Say it as it is, as it comes from the heart, in faith believing. Remember your communion is with Him, not those around you. They will hear it; they will be touched by it, but most of all, your Father in heaven hears every word, every need, every request, every concern, and every prayer of thanksgiving! "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." (James 5:16 AMPC) You are loved. -Pastor Jacqui McLean-

Day 5: Focus on the Word.

For today's devotion, let our focus be solely on the Word. When our struggles feel too heavy to bear. Get into the Word! Read Psalm 18. It is a long one, but so worth the read. This is who our God is, and this is what he does. He is the same, yesterday, today, and ever more. What an assurance we have in Him! He did it for David, and he will do it for YOU! Here, David has been delivered from the hands of his enemies. David expresses his love, thanks and praise to the God who is his Fortress, his Rock, his Shield, his Strength, Stronghold and Salvation.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength. 2. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3. I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved by my enemies. 4. The cords of death entangled me; The torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. 5. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. 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. 7. The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; They trembled because he was angry. 8. Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it. 9. He parted the heavens and came down; Dark clouds were under his feet. 10. He mounted the cherubim and flew; He soared on the wings of the wind. 11. He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, the dark rain clouds of the sky. 12. Out of the brightness of his presence, clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning. 13. The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. 14. He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning, he routed them. 15. The

valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, Lord, at the blast of breath from your nostrils. 16. He reached down from on high and took hold of me; He drew me out of deep water. 17. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. 18. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. 19. He brought me out into a spacious place; He rescued me because he was delighted with me. 20. The Lord has dealt with me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands, he has rewarded me. 21. For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I am not guilty of turning from my God. 22. All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees. 23. I have been blameless before him and have kept me from sin. 24. The Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. 25. To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, 26. to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. 27. You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. 28. You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. 29. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. 30. As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in him. 31. For whom is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? 32. It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. 33. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He causes me to stand on the heights. 34. He trains my hands for battle; My arms can bend a bow of bronze. 35. You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; Your help has made me great. 36. You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way. 37. I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back until they were destroyed. 38. I crushed them so that they could not rise; They fell beneath my feet. 39. You armed me with strength for battle; You humbled my adversaries before me. 40. You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes. 41. They cried for help, but there was no one to save them to the Lord, but he did not answer. 42. I beat them as fine as windblown dust; I trampled them like mud in the streets. 43. You have delivered me from the attacks of the people; You have made me the head of nations. People I did not know now serve me, 44. Foreigners cower before me; As soon as they hear of me, they obey me. 45. They all lose heart; They come trembling from their strongholds. 46. The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! 47. He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me, 48. Who saves me from my enemies? You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me. 49. Therefore, I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name. 50. He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing love to his anointed, to David and to his descendants forever. Yes, He did it for David, He will do it for you. You are loved. Pastor Jacqui McLean.