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Monday

Lam. 3:22-23 The LORD's loving kindnesses indeed never ceases, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness.

Many days seem dry and faith grows cold for one reason; we do not spend time with Jesus. We are thirsty for the refreshing of his spirit for one reason; we do not spend time with Jesus. Our souls long for His assurance, our minds beg for His wisdom, our hearts fail for lack of strength for one reason; we do not spend time with Jesus. The Lord's loving kindness never ceases. His compassions never fail. Fresh every morning, if only we would spend time with Jesus.

Tuesday

Luke 10:42 "Only a few things are necessary, really only one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall no be taken away from her."

Life is full of many important activities. Some activities serve the church. Some activities serve others. Martha kept busy for Jesus, but Mary was busy meeting Jesus, listening to Him, and sitting at His feet. Neither was wrong, but Jesus was clear that Mary had made the better choice. Sitting at the feet of Jesus must never become an excuse for lack of service, but neither should service to others become an excuse for neglecting our Lord.

Wednesday

Luke 10:41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;

Why are you so busy? Are you trying to prove yourself worthy of God's love or other's admiration? Why are you so busy? Are you hiding from God in your busy activities? Why are you so busy? Are you seeking to forget some deed of the past, some worry of the future? Bothered by many things we restlessly pursue activity as a means to hide our soul. Instead, rest in Him. His forgiveness is sure. His acceptance is unconditional. His love is based upon His heart not your works. Learn to wait upon the Lord. Learn to listen.

Thursday

Psa. 147:11 The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness. Lam 3:25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him.

God honors those with His power and peace who honor Him by waiting in His presence. Time and again we hear His word say, "Wait upon the Lord." Yet, we fill our lives with every good thing but waiting on Jesus. We wonder why we worry, live without power, see no answer to our prayers, but still we do not wait upon Jesus. Set a new priority and make time for devotion with Him. Commit yourself to waiting upon Jesus, to seeking His presence, to hearing His heart.

Friday

Isa. 40:31 Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Waiting on the Lord is not mere inactivity; indeed we often wait even as we work. Waiting on the Lord is an attitude of the heart, the will, the mind. We wait upon the Lord when we tarry in His presence seeking to know Him better, seeking to find His perfect will. We wait upon the Lord when we pray and read His word. We wait upon the Lord when we do not rashly push forward in our own strength for our own agenda, but seek to do His will, His way, and in His power. Those who wait upon the Lord will have a new strength.