

Devotional From Charles Spurgeon

“Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”

John 5:8

Like many others, the impotent man had been waiting for a wonder to be wrought, and a sign to be given. Wearily did he watch the pool, but no angel came, or came not for him; yet, thinking it to be his only chance, he waited still, and knew not that there was One near him whose word could heal him in a moment. Many are in the same plight: they are waiting for some singular emotion, remarkable impression, or celestial vision; they wait in vain and watch for nought. Even supposing that, in a few cases, remarkable signs are seen, yet these are rare, and no man has a right to look for them in his own case; no man especially who feels his impotency to avail himself of the moving of the water even if it came. It is a very sad reflection that tens of thousands are now waiting in the use of means, and ordinances, and vows, and resolutions, and have so waited time out of mind, in vain, utterly in vain. Meanwhile these poor souls forget the present Saviour, who bids them look unto him and be saved. He could heal them at once, but they prefer to wait for an angel and a wonder. To trust him is the sure way to every blessing, and he is worthy of the most implicit confidence; but unbelief makes them prefer the cold porches of Bethesda to the warm bosom of his love. O that the Lord may turn his eye upon the multitudes who are in this case tonight; may he forgive the slights which they put upon his divine power, and call them by that sweet constraining voice, to rise from the bed of despair, and in the energy of faith take up their bed and walk. O Lord, hear our prayer for all such at this calm hour of sunset, and ere the day breaketh may they look and live.

Courteous reader, is there anything in this portion for you?

News Bites

Three Believers Released

Three Iranian believers were set free on Saturday, April 30, 2011 after 238 days in prison. A fourth believer who was arrested at the same time remains in custody. On the day Pastor Vahik and the other three were arrested, security forces also arrested several other Christians in Hamadan. Iranian state TV later reported that nine Christians had been arrested on charges of spreading Christian propaganda, calling those arrested “Zionist Christian Evangelicals.”

Riots in Nigeria

A partial list of the destruction in various cities shows the extent of the damage:

Gombe — 38 people killed, 146 people injured, 17 churches burned, 27 houses burned, 11 cars burned. **Bauchi** — 28 people killed, 78 churches burned. **Daura** — six churches burned, three churches vandalized.

Katsina City — seven people killed, more than 100 Christians displaced, 65 churches destroyed or damaged. **Funtua** — every church in the city burned (more than 27).

Malunfashi — seven churches burned, 25 houses burned, one Bible school burned, 30 cars burned.

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Upcoming Things...

Kid’s Ministry Meeting – Sunday, May 15th after second service is Kid’s ministry meeting. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Steve Markl.

Quotes

“I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England.”

- John Wesley (1703-1791)

“[The] most important duty, respecting both the temporal and spiritual good of your children, is fervent supplication to God for them. Without this all the rest will be ineffectual. Means are unavailing unless the Lord blesses them. The Throne of Grace is to be earnestly implored that your efforts to bring up your children for God may be crowned with success.”

A.W. Pink (1886-1952)

