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I watched as my four year old grandson and his two year old sister giggled while running in circles. The energy that swirled around them electrified their eagerness to see who could run the fastest and last the longest before they collided and fell to the floor in continued laughter. Immediately they would jump to their feet and begin the game all over again.

I laughed as I watched their escapades. How simple life is for a child because they know what it is like to live moment by moment. They never think about much more than what they are doing now. Unlike adults who are caught up in years of planning and orchestrating their lives from schools, jobs, houses, bills, vacations, insurance, retirement and of course what new thing they are going to need in order to make their lives easier.

My frolicking grandchildren brought memories of my own carefree childhood, yet I didn't desire to go backwards in time, but I did want the freedom to think as they were thinking. I wanted to look at my own life moment by moment and not allow the pressure of thinking years in my future to keep me from Praising God for what I have now!

Many people are so caught up in planning that when a tragedy happens and they are put in unexpected financial stress, they panic. Unable to see how they can possibly overcome a natural disaster or a major sickness. Unable to see how they are going to overcome a job loss or a death that requires taking a lot of time off work.

This is when we must look at our lives moment by moment. When we can only pay one bill at a time and live for that day alone. When we don't know how we are going to have the strength to survive another chemo therapy treatment or pick up the pieces after our home was destroyed by a tornado.

Devastation reveals what is in a persons heart and whether or not they do it their way or they are people of substance that reflect faith. Our belief system shows our character and gives us the ability to take whatever happens in life moment by moment. Always believing that God has our best interest in mind.

Mark 12: 41-44, "As Jesus sat near the Temple treasury, he watched the people as they dropped in a lot of money; then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins, worth about a penny. He called his disciples together and said to them, 'I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had-she gave all she had to live on.'"

Jesus knew this woman's circumstances because His spirit told Him her financial situation. He used her selflessness as an example of what it takes to live in this world. We must have faith! We must believe in more than ourselves or we will fail the tests of life.

We are not meant to have carefree, no consequence lives. We are here to be changed into better people. People who know what it is to suffer because we have experienced the uncertainties of life. People who believe in God and conquer fear by going forward regardless of what they are facing.

So many people today limit their lives and when something bad happens they either cut the person off or they move away. Husbands and wives divorce because they don't want to work on their relationships. Mixed families created by new marriages fall apart because the other spouse does not have an unconditional love for the other person's children.

Looking back and keeping close account of each others failures destroys love and keeps couples from holding on and growing when bad things occur in life. Not having faith makes us blame God and cut our Savior off from having the ability to rescue us from life's traumas.

The poor widow had faith that God would save her. Her belief in God's help allowed her to give all she had. Jesus used her as an example of true riches. We are not wealthy because of the money we have, we are rich when faith is first and money is last.

Luke 6:47-49, "Anyone who comes to me and listens to my words and obeys them-I will show you what he is like. He is like a man who, in building his house, dug deep and laid the foundation on rock. The river flooded over and hit that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But anyone who hears my words and does not obey them is like a man who built his house without laying a foundation; when the flood hit that house fell at once-and what a terrible crash that was!"

Life demands faith or you will not be able to stand up to the pressures surrounding tornadoes, job loss, divorce, death, or multiple disasters that destroy the lives of people. You must be able to cast your cares and stand your ground on the rock of Jesus Christ so you can continue to live!

Too many people have become ignorant of their need for faith because of all the demands the world puts on the shoulders of them. We are so self thinking that we have stopped seeing why we need faith in order for our relationships to succeed. We aren't praying and asking God to supply our daily needs. We have stopped loving because we have stopped reading our Bibles and committing scriptures of faith and love to our lives.

This is the reason we need to understand that we are in a great game of life that makes us attend life school. An education that makes us stop thinking about ourselves and makes us feel things for those around us. Tests make us grow and change either for good or bad.

Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. The Lord's Prayer sprang to life and revealed many secrets of what a person will come up against in every day life. Understand these words and apply them Now!

Matthew 6: 9b-13, "Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honored; may your kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day the food we need. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One."

Everything about the Lord's Prayer teaches about the Game of Life. God must be number one, so He can help us to stand up during testing. We must pray for protection from Satan so we can survive the tests of life. Read the words and think of how this prayer can make a difference in how you stand against the evils you face on a daily bases.

Many of us are worried and upset about finances and how we are going to pay the next bill. We are upset over the high cost of health care. We harbor every bad thing that we think is going to happen because we don't understand we are in a life game.

Jesus taught us how to pray. He wanted us to live our lives moment by moment. He wanted us to pray for our daily needs and no more. Our world is a battleground that constantly tries to get us to think about tomorrow and to plan our future. Jesus is opposite from the world. He tells us to pray for today.

Knowing what I was fighting against made me understand how Satan uses life to make us worry so much that we stop loving. Worry can take away our joy and keep us focused on our problems.

Watching my grandchildren play inspired me to stop thinking of when God was going to give me my next job. It filled my heart with love and let me see my need to just take life moment by moment and live my life for today!

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