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*Dear Friends,*

*Welcome to the new month of October! With its very dull and gloomy weather giving the second month of spring a “not-so-bright” start; that could perhaps colour our thinking and maybe our response, to our general behavioural patterns. Should we allow a dull and gloomy start, determine our future? Or should we consider the good, the bad and the ugly, and the benefits, or not, of what is on offer; **make an informed decision (choice)**, and move on?*

*Come with me as we begin this new month and read from Luke 24:1-12 (Amp).*

***Luk 24:1** BUT ON the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had made ready.*

*Luk 24:2* And they found the stone rolled back from the tomb,

*Luk 24:3* But when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

*Luk 24:4* **And while they were perplexed and wondering what to do about this, behold,** two men in dazzling raiment suddenly stood beside them.

*Luk 24:5* And as [the women] were **frightened and were bowing their faces to the ground,** the men said to them, **Why do you look for the living among [those who are] dead?**

*Luk 24:6* **He is not here, but has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee**

*Luk 24:7* That the Son of Man must be given over into the hands of **sinful men (men whose way or nature is to act in opposition to God)** and be crucified and on the third day rise [from death]. [Ps. 16:10.]

*Luk 24:8* And they **remembered His words.**

Luk 24:9 *And having returned from the tomb, they reported all these things [taken together] to the eleven apostles and to all the rest.*

Luk 24:10 *Now it was **Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who reported these things to the apostles.***

Luk 24:11 ***But these reports seemed to the men an idle tale (madness, feigned things, nonsense), and they did not believe the women.***

Luk 24:12 ***But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths alone by themselves, and he went away, wondering about and marveling at what had happened.***

Verses three through five, gave those women a gloomy, dismal start; even frightened them enough to bow their faces to the ground in fear and trepidation; uncertain of what they may further see, or hear. As I read this story, I discovered that they, like us today, sometimes find ourselves... (while they were) **“perplexed and wondering what to do about this, behold”...!** Whatever your/our, “this” may be. Sometimes we just don’t know what to do. Sometimes we are **perplexed and wonder for a while**; and that’s OK! If it was good enough for the closest friends of Jesus, then it’s good enough for us!

There are, however, plenty of examples in Scripture where we are instructed to take some time out and pray; get wisdom; and with it get understanding; and how best to do that – than to come boldly before God’s throne and receive from Him, and then “go” and freely distribute what we have received, as He instructs us. And remember, **sometimes we will be perplexed and wonder for a while**, but, don’t forget the word **“behold”**. **Jesus always delivers on His promises**, and **He had promised that ALL would be revealed to those who are uniquely His own!!!** (Go back and read the April 2012 letter, to get a picture of this.) But now, be blessed by Hebrews 4:16 (Amp).

Heb 4:16 **Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace** (the throne of God's unmerited favour to us sinners), **that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].**

That word ‘BEHOLD’, means that while the women were perplexed and wondering; God already had an answer; just waiting to bless them. I want to encourage you this month to **think seriously about how you approach God’s throne**. Is it with trepidation? Is it in a very shy, meek and mild manner; not knowing what He might say or do, when He looks and realizes it is you? Do you get **perplexed and wonder for a while**; just what God might be thinking once you have graced His door? **Let me share with you God’s perpetual call to us His children, (or would be children).** If you know Him as Lord and Saviour

of your life, you **are** His child; if not - **you CAN be!** It's a simple choice. One you will never regret making. Let's read Matthew 11:28-30 (Amp)

*Mat 11:28 **Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]***

*Mat 11:29 **Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. [Jer. 6:16.]***

*Mat 11:30 **For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good--not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.***

Take a good, long, hard look, at – who you are; and who you would really like to be, or become; where you are at, in life; and where you need to be; then read again Hebrew 4:16. **Fearlessly; confidently; boldly – Wow!** Now there is some ammunition! You would almost always be guaranteed of an appointment with your Maker; the One Who knows you and your needs, better than anyone. **His invitations are endless. Draw near to My throne... and receive... and find; whatever it is you need.** Or move on to Matthew 11, and His invitation there: - to **Come to Me... and I will... ease and relieve and refresh your soul...My yoke is easy and My burden is light!!!**

Don't wander aimlessly through life with a **spirit of apathy; with an uncaring attitude; or lack of interest (indifference)**, to where you are and what you should be doing; and ultimately, where you will end up; your destination. (Re-read the September, 2013, letter re: - your Destiny and Destination!) If you put into action those three words: - **fearlessly, confidently and boldly** – you will definitely get results; and you won't stay **perplexed and wondering**, forever.

Don't: - stay numbered among – **“the sinful men; (men whose way or nature is to act in opposition to God).”(verse 7).**

Don't: - **“stay frightened, with your face bowed to the ground:”(verse 5) - unless it is in a spirit of repentance; and then, once redeemed, come boldly, and get your instructions for living a righteous life; then go bless, as you have been blessed.**

Verse six and verse eight, remind us to: –

**Remember what He told you – His Words!**

**Remember how He told you – caringly and compassionately; full of mercy and grace;**

**Remember when He told you – before He left!!!**

And then – ***do what Peter did.*** Put some verbs in your sentences (doing words; action). ***“He(Peter)...got up and ran...and stooping down and looking in...he saw...and he went away wondering about and marvelling at what had happened”...!!!*** And you will too!!! When you ***“behold”***, the ***Glory of the Lord, your future takes on a whole new hue!!!... (Pure colour; without tint or shade...).*** You then have a vision and a hope!

Dare to be different! Dare to be ***bold;*** and dare to ***“behold”!*** Dare to share the unadulterated ***Truth of God’s Word*** with all whom He sends to cross your path! Dare to wear with honour, the badge of allegiance – ***Fellowship;*** the ***distinguishing mark of the Christian!*** (See August 2012 letter). Dare to take God at His Word and, live in - ***“The Blessing of the Lord, it makes (truly) rich, and He adds no sorrow with it” - (Proverbs 10:22 Amp).*** Dare to have an awesome month as you stretch yourself and operate outside your usual comfort zone; stretch your spiritual muscles a little, and watch yourself and those you care to mentor, grow into spiritual maturity.

*Amen and Amen!!!*

*Till next month*

*From my house to yours*

*Blessings of the abundant kind!*

*Leila Nord.*

