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Dear Friends,

*The beginning of spring! How beautiful to anticipate the new, the warm, and all else your mind may think belongs to spring. It brings to my mind **new beginnings**. My garden changes almost overnight, once springtime arrives. Gone are the bleak, cold days of winter, with its frosty mornings and ice covered birdbaths, and frozen taps. We get a **spring** in our step and a song in our heart. I am not sure I could describe in words, the reason for these human behaviours. However, I do know the same feelings are etched across the broader community, because everyone I meet says something similar.*

*I got to thinking of the **trust** that nature has in its Creator. The birds don't have to beg God to bring on spring. Neither do the flowers of spring. There is a **trust** between the creator and the created that, just as was planned from the beginning, so would this new season dawn. From the sixty plus species of birds documented from our verandah, there isn't one I see sitting morbidly alone with ruffled feathers and drooping head; with no song to sing. No, they agree with:-*

Acts 27:2 "...So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith (complete confidence) in God that it will be exactly as it was told me; ..."! Wow!

*Now, I wonder just how **trusting** of our Creator we are this spring, or any time of life. Do you really believe what God says to you? Do you even know what God says to you? Are you using that personal **faith testing kit** we talked about in our July letter; to **know** that you **know**? You need to have your "beak in the book"- on a daily basis. You need to stay plugged in to the food source, if your spiritual health check is going to tick all the right boxes.*

God's Word is full of awesome promises He has given to us, and it saddens me to see so many of my spiritual family not taking God at His Word, and believing and receiving from Him, the benefits those promises avail us. The birds and the flowers of spring avail themselves of His promises to them. They don't even consult with God first. They just **know** that they **know** those blessings belong to them, and they receive the bountiful supply, and they build and breed from that supply. **Their trust is an automatic response to an inherited resource.** How precious is that!!

That reminds me of another of His promises:-

Mat 10:31 "...Fear not, then; you are of more value than many sparrows".

So if you have really believed that you are of more value than many sparrows, **your trust should create an automatic response from your inherited resources; everything,** the Holy Spirit has made available to you, via the cross of Calvary. Amen!

Mat 6:33 "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides".

All these things!!! Nothing missing... Nothing broken... Nothing lost. Wow!! Now that should give you reason to shout for joy, just like those little birds.

Psa 84:11 "... No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly".

About now you should be thinking of just how wonderful our Lord and Saviour really is, and how blessed we are [or should be];...no fault of the Lords if we are not. If you are not at that place where you can freely receive from that bountiful supply, here is your opportunity to start over. **It's spring! A new beginning!** Just this week I was truly blessed by a story I read about George Mueller, and I want to end this letter to you with this awesome testimony.

He had an appointment to keep in Quebec, and was enroute via ship with a very devout Christian captain. Mr Mueller reminded the captain he needed to be in Quebec Saturday afternoon, and the captain explained it was impossible due to very thick fog. Mr Mueller explained he had never been late for an engagement in fifty-seven years, and would not be this time. If the **captain couldn't** oblige, then **God would!** Mr Mueller invited the captain to come pray with him in the chartroom. His prayer was incredibly simple, and on completion, the captain thought perhaps he too should pray. However, Mr Mueller put his hand on his shoulder and told him **not** to pray. He said: - **"First, you do not believe He will answer; and second, I BELIEVE THAT HE HAS, and there is no need whatever for you to pray about it. Captain, I have known my Lord for fifty-seven years, and there has never been a single day that I have failed to get audience with the King. Get up, Captain, and open the door, and**

***you will find the fog gone.”** He got up, looked outside, and the fog was gone. Mr Mueller was in Quebec for his Saturday afternoon engagement.*

*Praise the Lord!! **Now that is faith in action!! That is an automatic response to an inherited resource,** and by the **denseness of the fog,** in the middle of **winter.** **How much greater our vision in spring!!***

*That story so blessed me, I just had to share it with you. I pray your **spring** will create an internal dialogue between you and your Creator, and you press the **auto response** button, to the abundant supply of **whatever your heart desires.** Our God is able!! He just requires a willing, yielded spirit. It's **spring.** Let's celebrate all things **new!!***

Till next month,

From my house to yours,

Blessings of the abundant kind,

Leila Nord.

