

## WALLS

Have you noticed lately that there is a lot of attention on walls?? President Trump is planning to have a wall built between the U.S. and Mexico to stop illegal immigrants from entering the country. There is also the controversy of the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The Israelis captured this area in the 1967 Six Day War and is the holiest site in the entire Jewish world. But, the Palestinians are saying that the wall is theirs. There are other walls just to mention a few:

Jericho's Wall - (Joshua 6:1-20) When the people shouted as the priests blew the trumpets and as they marched around Jericho the seventh time...the walls fell down!

Berlin Wall - President Ronald Reagan said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall!"

Humpty Dumpty - Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall and he had a great fall!

What about the saying that at sometime in frustration or despair we all have probably said, "I have hit a wall" or "my back is up against a wall."

Zechariah 2:5, the Lord says He will be a wall of fire around Jerusalem and will be the glory in her midst.

Ezekiel 22:29-30, "The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. So I sought a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."

One thing that I see consistently as I minister to broken and hurting people is that they...we...all have some kind of a wall up. This invisible wall is in place due to many of life's traumas, rejections, wounds in the soul, unforgiveness, offence, fear, poor self image, shame and the list goes on and on! There isn't anyone on the earth that hasn't at one time or another put up a wall for protection from being hurt; and I was one of the ones!

We don't even realize that we have done this in self preservation and we wonder why we feel isolated from the ones we love the most! And, how do we get these walls down?? The lyrics from this song answers the question!

*You walked through all of my walls*

*You conquered my shame*

*You stepped into my past and filled my world with grace*

*You didn't have to come but You always do*

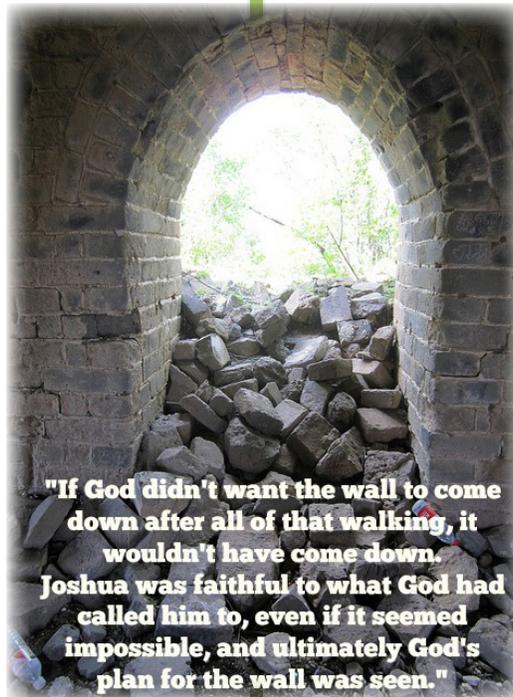
*You show up in splendor and you change the whole room*

John 20:26-27, "And after eight days, His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" The doors being shut means that Jesus walked through the walls and He wants to do that again and again with each of our walls!! When we ask the Father to set us free and make us whole and bring down any walls that we have put up....He will come through the

walls and speak peace to us!! We need to be willing to let Holy Spirit shine His light into every room of our hearts; repent and relinquish all unforgiveness and bitterness; renounce every sin and lies that satan has said about who we really are...letting go of offense, shame, fear, etc. and then we can make a glorious exchange for less of us and more of Him!

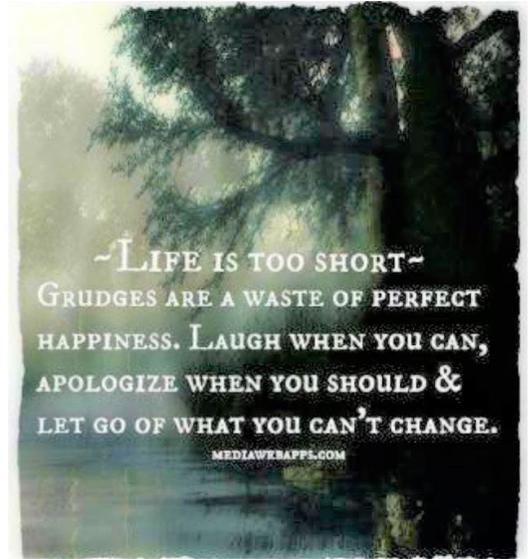
Seems too simple doesn't it!! But, that is how our Father works when He is welcomed and given permission to deal with all of our stuff. He comes in power and tender love and brings the walls tumbling down! That's good news!! Just believe! All things are possible! My walls are coming down! How about yours??

I love you and bless you in the Name of the Most High God!!





Just another day in the neighborhood feeding the hungry. We served 345 people on this day! If you are in need of a rewarding & fun time....Pray about helping out this summer!



Keep these men and their families in your prayers!! Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and repentance in America!!



## Our Needs:

Volunteers

Finances

16 oz. styrofoam cups

Summer children's clothing

Cleaning supplies (bleach, lemon ammonia, windex, Dawn dish washing liquid)



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