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Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

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MINDFUL

Well, here we are at the beginning of a brand new year! I think we all agree that 2020 was challenging in many ways! For me, it was a very difficult year health related but I'm thankful for God's faithfulness in raising me up once again! With divine revelation during the 30 days in the hospital, I can with my whole heart, declare that **"His mercies are new every morning! Great is His faithfulness!"** Let's do what the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13, **"forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."**

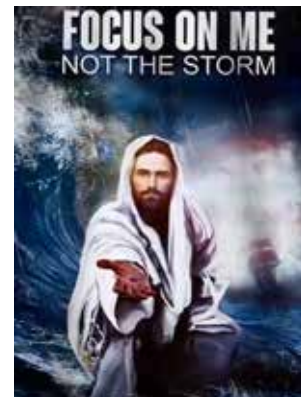
I keep hearing in my spirit the word, "mindful" as I am seeking the Lord for this new year. When I Googled the word "mindful" these words appeared: aware, conscious, attentive, careful to not forget something, deliberately aware and contemplate. I think that we need to be aware of what's going on in our families, neighborhood, city, nation and world etc. We can't just stick our heads in the sand and wish all the chaos going on would just go away. But, if we listen to the news about the pandemics, the economy and all the fear and instability of these times that bombards us, we will have no peace and joy. Jesus promised us in John 10:10, **"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."** Colossians 3:2 says, **"set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth."** How do we set our minds on what is above? Here's where that word "mindful" comes in. If we ask Holy Spirit, Who is our Teacher, Comforter, Helper, to help us be mindful of the Lord all throughout the day....making a conscious effort to contemplate on Bible verses such as, **"You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You"** Isaiah 26:3 and concentrate on other verses about peace such as John 14:27 where Jesus tells us to

"let not your hearts be troubled or be afraid" and John 16:33, **"These things I have told you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."**

If we are careful to not forget God's faithfulness to each of us and our families and rehearse all of His kindness, grace and love...I believe that no matter the shaking going on around us, we can remain stable, steady and peaceful as described in Psalms 91. This takes discipline on our part to take thoughts captive and to trust God. Romans 8:37 tells us that **"we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us"** and Revelations 12:11 declares that **"we overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony."** Apply the Blood of Jesus out loud over yourselves and your families every day!

So much I want to share but space is limited! How comforting to know this truth which David declared in Psalms 8:3, **"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?"** How awesome that our Heavenly Father is mindful of each one of us!! 2021 is going to be an awesome year for the Lord to show Himself mighty on our behalf!! There is no God like Him! Nothing is too hard or impossible for Him! All praise, honor, majesty and glory are due to Him and Him alone!!

Happy and glorious New Year to you and yours! I love and so appreciate all of you!!
Rhonda



Donation Drop Off Every
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

Thank you to all who donated!!
*We were able to bless **761** children!!*



TOTAL SERVED 2020 **29,960** 3 meals a week & groceries twice month

OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- Finances
- Hand Sanitizer (large with pump)
- Children's shoes
- Winter clothing for men & children
- Deodorants
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- HP 962 xl Ink (black & color)

If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great.

While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who has not surrendered authority.
- A. W. Tozer



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