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"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. . . . Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. . . . Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one of another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous." *GALATIANS 6:10; PROVERBS 16:24; 1 PETER 3:8*

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**1 - MEMORY VERSES**

"... Revive me, O LORD, according to your word." (Psalm 119:107 NKJV)

**LAST EDITIONS MEMORY VERSE**

James 4:8

**THIS EDITIONS MEMORY VERSE**

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me." Matthew 25:40

**2 - DEVOTIONAL:**

Having served with Child Evangelism Fellowship for seven years as a summer missionary during my teen years, I learned much about ministry, serving the Lord, and working with people of all ages. However, during that time I did not cross cultural boundaries and travel to different countries. I did not realize how fortunate we have life here in America until the opportunity came for me to travel to Mexico with the church youth group mission's trip, during spring break, in 1989 and 1990.

After the Lord heard my cry in the wilderness in Victorville, California, and directed me to a loving church family to fellowship with, I began to get involved with various ministries such as choir and youth group. During that time, the opportunity came to go to Mexico with the high school mission's trip. It was during the second year that the Lord really spoke to my heart in a mighty way.

I learned a little Spanish from some of the other teens. The phrases I learned were "Hola, coma estas, muey bien, etu, gracious, and denada." The teens and I would make a short conversation together which went something like this:

ME: "Hola! Coma estas?"

TEEN: "Muey bien. Etu?"

ME: "Muey bien. Gracious."

TEEN: "Denada."

Translated into English, the conversation went like this:

ME: "Hello! How are you?"

TEEN: "Very good. And you?"

ME: "Very good. Thank you."

TEEN: "You're welcome."

Anything else besides a few names in Spanish, and "No habla espaniel" (I don't speak Spanish), that was the limit to my foreign language skills that week.

During that week in Mexico, I was able to spend some time with some of the local children. I didn't speak their language, and they didn't understand mine, but we still enjoyed playing games together like throwing a Frisbee back and forth, jump rope, tossing a baseball, etc. Each time the children would do something like catch the ball, jump rope without falling, etc, I would say something like "Muey bien, Juan!", "Muey bien Salisa!", "Muey bien, Hose!"

As I would encourage the children with the limited speech I had, I would see them smile. It was great to see the joy in their faces as we shared time together.

We had a guest speaker that week who was attending the Master College, and was training to be a youth pastor. His name was Kevin Boesler. Kevin had a question he asked everyday during chapel time. "What does your God look like to you? What does your God look like?"

That question sunk in with me. As I watched the children play, laugh, smile, and spend time with us, I thought about the answer to that question. What does

God look like to me? That week HE appeared to me in the faces of each of those children. As I spent time with each child, and saw the pleasure they had with someone sharing that moment with them, I could imagine the pleasure and joy of my Heavenly Father. And I was reminded of the verse in Matthew 25:40, where Christ said, "...Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me."

Each and every day we have the opportunity within our grasp to share our life with those around us. Not just share our life, but to be involved with theirs, to become friends with them as Christ became our friend. Each and every true believer in Christ is in ministry, we are all called in the great commission to share the gospel to others. And ministry is not "just" witnessing and sharing the gospel message, but it's a relationship - a way of life, it's getting involved with others, a personal fellowship. And some day, when this life is over here on earth, we will stand before the Lord... and I desire to hear HIM say, "Muey bein, thy good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of your Lord!" (Matthew 25:21-23).

Let's take these precious few moments we have here on this earth and spend it wisely sharing every valuable minute serving the Lord and doing HIS will.

**“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:22**

### **3 - ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OTHERS**

**“Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.” James 4:8**

From: C. Lloyd Subject: Responding to God's call

**Isaiah** - Here am I Lord. Send me? (Isaiah 6:8)

**Samuel** - Speak Lord for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:9)

**Barak** - I will go IF .... (Judges 4:8)

**Adam** - Hid himself from the presence of the Lord. (Genesis 3:8)

**Jonah** - Rose to flee from the presence of the Lord. (Jonah 1:3)

**1st** - I'm excited and jumping at the chance.

**2nd** - I'm available.

**3rd** - I'll do it on these conditions.

**4th** - I'm not here.

**5th** - I'm out of here.

But the response most often given today was given by Moses.

**Moses** - Lord send someone else (Exodus 4:13)

I got these when I was looking up the responses to how various men in the Bible responded to God. Another interesting one to read up on is the excuses given. Moses gives the most I've seen so far.

Have a glorious Lord's Day.

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Have a BLESSED & JOYFUL day "IN" Christ,  
Sincerely yours,

Daniel McIntosh  
Philippians 1:6

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