

22-MAR-2021_what it means to give thanks

(Question: Oh, that really hurt to see. It really hurts my heart. I'm trying to praise now. Talk to me. It broke me.)

(Jesus speaking:) This is nothing, My darling, compared to the pain I feel when you don't praise Me for all the good that I do day after day. It hurts like something you've never experienced.

Heal Me and so I can heal them.

Comfort Me with praise.

(Question: Tell me about this pain?)

(Jesus speaking:) It hurts, because it hurts you. I am in pain when I see the enemy hurting you. Just as nothing and no one was lunging and harming you [physically], yet it hurt you so bad to see and to feel the pains in the hearts of your sons, so is the pain the same for Me, when I see you being harmed with every thrust when you are not, or because you have not, praised and upheld the weapon of praise.

I am in pain when I see you are.

(Question: What do you mean by praise, what do I need to do differently. I've been trying to extreme praise no matter what, like saying "Thank You for__" whatever it is that I don't like or that is hard. What do I need to do differently, or not be doing?)

(Jesus speaking:) In everything give thanks. To "give" means that it might be a sacrifice; it might cost you something.

Sometimes to praise means you have to first let go of something you were hoping for, holding on to, as you see something turn to ashes. But let it go and praise for the fire. Maybe the light of the burning thing you so wanted to keep will instead help light someone's way home.

So it's hard to praise when you haven't yet given up the thing that you are sad about. Give it and praise. Move on. Trust that all things, and I mean all things, can and will work together for your good.

So what are you giving up now? The hope, the wish, to have perfectly behaving children, always loving, never hurting each other. That was torn out and you are left bleeding. But let the last strands go. Give it up. I did, when I washed the world with the worldwide flood; I gave up the idea that perfection was possible.

So give it up, and then you'll be happier to be around. You'll talk less, and that means less internal fires will be burning, gnawing on hearts and minds because of what you said. You'll get less uptight about things when they go wrong.

I know it's hard to let it go, but do it and you'll have more to praise about.

Will they always do the right and the loving thing? No. But that is no more your concern. Just trust Me. Release this and then you can spot the good more than the troubles. If you are always wanting things to be perfect, that is what you will be looking for—the imperfections, as if it's a project for you to work on, like finding bugs in a program.

But if you are instead just happy for anything going right at all, you'll be glad to see these things.

Let it go. Then you can "give thanks".

So if you feel beaten down and are having a hard time praising, see what you need to "give up" so your arms can be free again to praise.

Cut the strings to things of a different nature that you want. Let it go, and keep offering the sacrifice of praise. And it IS a sacrifice, because it takes giving up, and giving in to your Lord and King. But if it keeps you humble, this is a good thing.