



Meditation #13

Pentecost 2009

In Celebration of the Spirit:
Stretching Out in Expectation of the Overflow!
Acts 2

“Wanna’ Get Away...with Jesus?”

“And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them.”

Luke 24: 50

Southwest Airlines runs a commercial on TV appealing to folks who are overwhelmed by the many demands, stresses, and perils of life. The TV ad depicts people who have become dysfunctional in their home or work life due to the many challenges placed before them. In the TV ad the airline claims to be the least expensive ticket away from the viewer’s challenges and makes an offer it thinks is the best deal in town. The TV ad ends with the question and invitation: wanna’ get away?

The trouble with the TV ad is this: once you return from your trip on the airline your problems will still be present, your situation will still be stacked against you, and your challenges will still be unchanged. Getting away takes you out of the problem but it doesn’t solve the problem. Getting away gives you relief from the attacks but it doesn’t deal with the attackers. Getting away helps ease your mind for a while but it doesn’t give you peace. The question is: what happens when you are away?

Jesus has a better deal for you. Jesus has an offer you can’t refuse. Jesus takes you away and then places something over your life that guarantees your victorious end. Jesus has what I call a “blanket of His blessing”. He gives you the assurance of a good, happy, joyful, and well outcome amid the challenges, problems, and attackers. You never have to feel pushed to the edge as though you have no place and nobody to turn to. You live and move and breathe in a blanket of blessing that no devil in hell, no demon on earth, and no enemy in pursuit can destroy. Believe that!

Pray this:

“Dear Jesus, thank you for the secret place of your blanket of blessing. Oh Lord, grant solutions to my problems, meet my challengers, and rebuke my attackers while I am away with you.”