



Meditation #21

Pentecost 2009

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

Acts 2

“Alive...and Doing Well!”

**“...also He showed Himself alive after His passion,
by many infallible proofs...”**

Acts 1: 3

Years ago a 14-year old young man traveled down Benton Blvd. near 27th Street here in Kansas City walking on his way to school each day. Each day he would walk past Mr. Sam, one of the well-known “corner men,” who spent everyday on the streets. Sometimes Mr. Sam was already drunk when the 14 year old saw him. Sometimes Mr. Sam was asleep from His drunken state. Other times Mr. Sam carried a bottle en route to his drunken state. On this particular day the 14 year-old decided to question Mr. Sam about how he came to be on the corner doing what he does everyday. He asked, “Mr. Sam what happened? How did you get like this?” Mr. Sam pondered for a moment as if his stupor had been suspended. He replied, life was too much for me to handle. I got overwhelmed son. I couldn’t handle it.” Rather than living an abundant life, Mr. Sam was bruised and destroyed by life. Mr. Sam couldn’t handle his “passion”, the seasons of great trial.

Mr. Sam checked out. He had become one of those we term “dead men walking.” He was breathing physically but emotionally and spiritually he had suffered death. He had suffered the death of his dreams, his hopes, and his spirit. What prevents us from “going under” like Mr. Sam when the weight and pressure of the journey is more than we can handle? I’ll tell you what it is! It is the spirit of the Resurrected Christ! The difference between us and those who are swallowed by the press of the journey has nothing to do with our intellectual, emotional, or philosophical capacities. The difference for us is that the spirit of the Resurrected Christ which brought Jesus back to life lives within us and keeps us alive everyday. And might I add, gives unto us a capacity not only to live, but to live well. Hallelujah!

You can make it through this. You will survive. You will be sustained. The Lord is your keeper. In fact, not only will you make it, sooner or later you’re going to rise and give unquestionable evidence that not only are you living, but you’re living good. God’s grace, God’s blessed purpose for your life, and God’s spirit of life will perform it. Go tell somebody the good news. When they ask you how you’re doing tell them, “I’m alive and doing well!”

Pray this:

Heavenly Father, today I confirm that you have ordained life for me. I affirm that your will for me is to experience the abundant life Christ came to grant unto me. I call upon you Holy Spirit to live your abundant life through me! I receive the wellness that is my gift from you!