House of Judah Seneca, SC

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Thanksgiving, Appreciations, Gratitude, Prayer

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of Faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at The Right Hand of The Throne of God. ³Consider Him Who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Focus Scripture:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles ..." *Hebrews 12:1*

Thought for Today: *Fall Off – Series: Awareness/ The Holy Spirit*



(The need for discernment as we transition into our next).

Who We Are: Spiritual Beings Who are One with Christ Having a Human Experience!



Awareness:

Knowledge or perception of a situation or fact or concern about and well-informed interest in a particular situation or development. (Consciousness, recognition,

realization, cognizance, or perception).

The antonym/opposite of awareness is ignorance.

Oxford Dictionaries



What are We Aware Of? Awareness IS The Presence of The Holy Spirit



A.W.A.R.E. (Our Cloud of Witnesses)

The **A**bility to **W**ait **A**nd **R**eceive **E**vidence • The ability to see or observe (a thing or person);

• To appreciate, catch on (to),

- To comprehend to conceive, to discern,
 - To grasp, to know, to perceive,
 - To recognize, to seize, to sense,
 - To maintain, to retain; to understand.

ABILITY

(PHIL. 4:13) I CAN DO ALL THINGS...

(PHIL. 2:11, 4:11)

MIND OF CHRIST/ HE WHO BEGUN A GREAT WORK IN US SHALL COMPLETE IT.

RECEIVE

(MATTHEW 21:22) IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER.

(JOHN 16:13) BUT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, COMES, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH.

(ACTS 2:38) "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED, EVERY ONE OF YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS. AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." WAIT (PSALM 27:4) WAIT ON THE LORD: BE OF GOOD COURAGE, AND HE SHALL STRENGTHEN THINE HEART: WAIT, I SAY, ON THE LORD.

A.W.A.R.E.

(IS. 40:31) THEY THAT WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.

(IS. 30:18) THE LORD WILL WAIT, THAT HE MAY BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU, AND THEREFORE WILL HE BE EXALTED, THAT HE MAY HAVE MERCY UPON YOU: FOR THE LORD IS A GOD OF JUDGMENT: BLESSED ARE ALL THEY THAT WAIT FOR HIM.

EVIDENCE

(DUET.19:15) ON THE EVIDENCE OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES A MATTER SHALL BE CONFIRMED.

(HEBREWS 11:1) NOW, FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR AND EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.

(2 PETER 1:16) BUT WE WERE EYEWITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY.

AND/ADD TO

(2 PETER 1: 5 -8)

AND BESIDE THIS. GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD TO YOUR FAITH VIRTUE; AND TO VIRTUE KNOWLEDGE; AND TO **KNOWLEDGE TEMPERANCE**; AND TO TEMPERANCE PATIENCE; AND TO PATIENCE GODLINESS; AND TO **GODLINESS BROTHERLY** KINDNESS; AND TO BROTHERLY KINDNESS CHARITY." OTHER VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE USE DIFFERENT WORDS, BUT THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME: WE SHOULD STRIVE TO ADD TO OUR FAITH

(REV. 1: 20) BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR, AND WHO KEEP WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT.

R.A.W.

Ready Able Willing

Ready – I'm ready b/c God is Ready

(1 Peter 3:15)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man who ask you a reason for the Hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

Matthew 24:42-44 Keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

Able – I'm able b/c God is Able

Numbers 13:30 Now Caleb calmed the people before Moses and said, "We must go up and take possession of it, because we are more than able to do it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

(2 Corinthians 9:8/Ephesians 3:20 And God is ABLE to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.





R.A.W.

Ready Able Willing

I am willing b/c God is Willing (Is God Willing)

2 Corinthians 5:8

"We are confident, I say, **and willing** rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray so that you will not enter into temptation. For **The Spirit is willing, but the body is weak.**

Isaiah 1:19

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.

Luke 22:42 Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My Will, but Thine, be done.

Clarity:

Are you AWARE of Who you are With? Who IS with You? Of what ARE you aware?



¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who by faith have testified to the truth of God's absolute faithfulness], stripping off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily and cleverly entangles us, let us run with endurance and active persistence the race that is set before us, ² [looking away from all that will distract us and focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfecter of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity], who for the joy [of accomplishing the goal] set before Him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and sat down at the Right Hand of The Throne of God [revealing His Deity, His Authority, and The Completion of His Work]. ³ Just consider *and* meditate on Him who endured from sinners such bitter hostility against Himself [consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you will not grow weary and lose heart ..." Amp Version

Prayer and Benediction:

May we leave this place knowing and believing: We are one with God, The Father, God The Son and God The Holy Spirit. And we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles us. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, The Pioneer and Perfecter of our Faith.

