**Daily Prayer and Encouragement – Thursday 10th December**

Do you need encouraging? Let’s go on a journey of encouragement! 😊 some ‘stand out ‘moments from the Bible, just from the ‘top of my head’…

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| In the beginning, God & out of **nothing** |  | His Perfect Creation… it was Good! |
| Out of a great flood |  | God causes New Beginnings |
| From Abraham & Sarai’s ‘impossible age to conceive a child  |  | God gives them the birth of a son and generational blessing! |
| Out of Israel’s Slavery and despair (a Nation with lots of restrictions!) |  | God delivers through Moses with the parting of the Seas!  |
| From Israel’s place of deep need & hunger in the wilderness |  | God provides food from Heaven (not just support for a nation 1 year but food for the whole nation for **40** Years…wow!)  |
| Joseph form a place of being sold to slavery |  | God brings forth Blessing, Honour, family reconciliation and a national blessing |
| From Samson’s blinded place of ‘defeat’ and ridicule  |  | God brings an ‘unexpected’ victory over the Philistines  |
| The ‘diminutive’ untrained in combat Shepherd boy David against a fighting Giant Champion Goliath  |  | God brings about personal victory for David and then victory and repeated victories for the Nation  |
| Daniel in the Lion’s Den & in a fire 7 times hotter than the usual punishment |  | God brings comfort & protection & uses the situation to turn more to Him |
| Hannah out of a place of despair and hopelessness |  | God provides an answered prayer for a child – not just a son, but a priestly leader in Samuel |
| Nehemiah – standing in the ruins of a temple the humiliation of a national tragedy  |  | God provides the resource and a miraculous building programme to restore the temple  |
| Jesus (of course!) out of a smelly stable  |  | God as man... Our Hope of Hopes, Light of the world His name means ‘to deliver’, ‘to rescue’ the Saviour of the world! |
| Jesus on the cross – all seemed lost? |  | God give us the Resurrection Victory! New life; the promise of the Holy Spirit being born INSIDE us !!! |
| Disciples hiding in a room, confused, seeming ‘lost’, gripped with fear |  | Then God the Holy Spirit …. Pentecost! the Holy Spirit transforming, empowering the disciples speak in other languages with boldness, thousands believe in Jesus and are saved!  |
| Saul the Christian Persecutor |  | Jesus changes his character, Paul the apostle carrying out great works for God, amazing outreach, writing most of the new Testament!  |

What an ASTONISHING history! What A GREAT God we have! And these are only a FEW examples of our Mighty God’s hand!
Have you noticed a pattern? God meets us in a place of seeming defeat and it’s THEN that He gives the Hope and THEN He moves in power!

Whatever the trial, either personal or corporate; if God is in the equation, if you let Him be in the equation, then He will outweigh anything the world can throw at you!

Take heart victory IS ASSURED!! So, with Pentecostal boldness, let us be expectant, knowing God’s track record and ask Him ‘LORD how can you use me today?’

**A prayer:**

*LORD Thank you! You are unrivalled, you are our Saviour! Help us to bend and be moulded to Your will, to Your plans, in Jesus Name! AMEN.*