

**“Great Is Your Faithfulness”**

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Scripture Text: Psalms 118: 15-18 NKJV

**15.** There were waters deep and many, waters out of which he was to be drawn **16** “The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. **17** I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord. **18** The Lord has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.”

Water is precious and needful for our very existence but too much water can result in loss and death. On my sister’s property, she had a row of tall pine trees on the side of the entrance leading to the house. One summer rains descended with a vengeance leaving the lower land flooded for weeks which resulted the in loss of every one of her trees. Farm lands and homes had flooded but my sister’s home was protected because she lived on a hill. Neighbors came to her for drinking water from the well in the rear of the house.

VERSE 15 David did not mention a single deep water but many waters that the Lord would deliver him from.

Suddenly the clouds emerge in our lives. The rains come with a sprinkle and ends in a down pour before the storm is over. *Is it raining in your life and are you feeling overwhelmed because there doesn’t appear to be an end?*

Jesus reminds us in John 16:33 NKJV *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*” With Jesus in our lives, we become victors and not victims.

If we as members of the Body of Christ lose our peace and hope, what does the unbelieving world take possession of in this life and the life to come? Jesus said in JOHN 14:27 *27 “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

Through my ordeal, I can truly say that I was at peace and it had a calming effect on all those who attended to my condition! *As believers,* you and I possess the Hope of Glory that resides in our souls by the abiding presence of the *Holy Spirit!*

Your prayers unified all believers and galvanized this community!

James 5:16 NKJV *Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

Psalms 118:16 David declares that the Lord is victorious because he has seen the intervention of the Lord in his many troubles. God will allow you and me to tread *DEEP WATERS* for His glory that others may recognize *HIS GREATNESS!!!* As you give testimony of God’s intervention in your life your, others are encouraged to believe and trust Him as you do. Things just don’t happen by chance! Everything in our lives has *Eternal Purpose* whether we understand the significance or not.

In all that the Apostle Paul endured for the sake of the Gospel, he came to the conclusion in Romans 8:18 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* VERSE 28 says, *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”*

Know that the Lord whom we serve according to Ephesians 3:20-21 is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us {What is that power...?} The abiding presence of *The Holy Spirit*, Ephesians 3 VERSE 21. to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**APPLICATIONS:**

Trouble is a part of life and those who keep their focus on the Lord shall not be overwhelmed.

The Discipline of the Lord is the way to perfection.

He will never stop disciplining you, until you are conformed to His Image.

Next Week: We Continue with verses 17 & 18 and Hebrews 12:10-13 *“Great is Your Faithfulness” Pt2*