

WEEKLY DEVOTION

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Theme: So, don't be afraid you are worth more than many sparrows (Mathew 10:31)

Scripture: Romans 8

Topic: Life without condemnation

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Apostle Paul wrote the letter to romans in his bid to open the eyes of human beings to God's grace towards their sinful acts. The book of Romans describes the sinfulness of humanity and the awaiting condemnation due to rebellion. It also informs us about the gracious nature of God to give his only son Jesus Christ to die in order to set us free. God offered us justification and we have free will to guide us.

Lessons

1. We are free from judgment:

Through Christ's death and resurrection, those who believe are free from condemnation. We are encouraged to walk according to the spirit and not the flesh to experience justification. So when Paul wrote in Romans about the sinfulness of humanity or the power of God's grace to miraculously and completely change lives, he knew that of which he spoke.

2. Freedom from defeat:

If we live according to the spirit we become conquerors. We are able to please God if we acknowledge that God sent his Son to conquer death and redeem us, which gives us assurance that when we live according to the spirit we will be able to experience life in eternity. It is also a reminder that we are His own and He has power over our lives. Thank God for every breath and allow Him to dwell in you.

3. Freedom from discouragement

It is important to note that suffering is temporary and we should not be discouraged because it cannot be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us. God understands that his creation groans and is yearning for deliverance. Paul himself reminds us to allow the Spirit of God to intercede on our behalf, for He knows our sufferings even the ones we cannot utter. Romans 8:28- And we know all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

4. Freedom from Fear

God loves us despite our situations and sinful nature, He is gracious and merciful. We are encouraged not to be afraid of anything, Imagine out of love He gave his only Son freely to die for our sins. Why fear? No one can separate us from His love, not even persecution, death or distress, we are more than conquerors.