*Monday, April 9, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Romans 15:1-3 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (2) Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. (3) For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. (KJV)

As you get built up in the word of God, and start progressing forward in your walk building confidence, you will find out that the race we are running involves a body of believers. You will find others that may be stumbling along and having a hard time moving forward in their walk, just like you did when growing and maturing in Christ. The Bible says that the reward is given to one, which is not just one individual rather one body of believers. So before you get to far ahead of yourself remember that the first shall be last and the last first, we all cross the finish line at the same time.

Luke 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. (KJV)

Have you ever sensed heaviness in your spirit and thought it strange; you spent most of the night examining yourself to see if you are out of line with God? However, it may be the Lord’s way of having you pray for someone who is going through a trial and needs some help bearing a burden that just seems too overwhelming for them to handle.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: (13) But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (KJV)

That fiery trial may be something another member of the body of Christ is dealing with and the Lord is asking for your help in putting out the fire with some living waters in the form of prayer. Yeah the spirit is willing, the flesh is whining a bit and wondering what strange thing is taking place when it seemed like you were going along care free.

1 Corinthians 9:22-24 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. (23) And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. (24) Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (KJV)

You know if you were walking along a trail and saw someone down on the ground and hurt you would stop and help I am sure. Well, our Lord sees some of His people a bit down and out, having become weakened in their walk and need some assistance. Paul knew how to minister to those that were weak in the faith and was not overbearing in the process. The Lord is not looking for those that cross the line first rather He is looking to see those who cross over in unity, putting others first before themselves.