

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday January 29, 2024 - Exodus 15:2

2 "The LORD is my strength and my defense ; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Read Exodus 15 for meditation and inspiration.



BEING A TEMPLE OF PRAISE

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

There is a story about a couple who had been married for more than thirty years. One evening, when the wife returned home from work, she found her husband packing. "What in the world are you doing?" she asked. "I can't handle it anymore," he replied. "I'm tired of all the bickering and arguing and complaining that's been going on between us all these years. I'm leaving." Whereupon, the startled wife rushed to the bedroom, pulled a suitcase out of the closet, filled it with her belongings, and ran after her husband, saying, "I can't handle it anymore either. I'm going with you."

If you want to take up your cross and follow Me, Jesus is telling us in the Gospels -- if you want to know all you need to know about who you really are and where you're going with your life -- then take Me seriously! Trust Me! Not just when

it's convenient, not only when it's easy, not just when it doesn't hurt, but trust Me, especially when you feel like you can't handle life's burdens anymore.

The Old Testament Book of Job tells the story of a man named Job who is at a point in his life where he can't handle it anymore. He expresses himself as he argues with God BUT he never loses his faith. As he kept his faith, he remembered his call to praise and in his praising God he was healed, restored and blessed beyond his imagining.

No matter the circumstances, scripture says pray without ceasing and rejoice in all circumstances.

Praising God,



Roger



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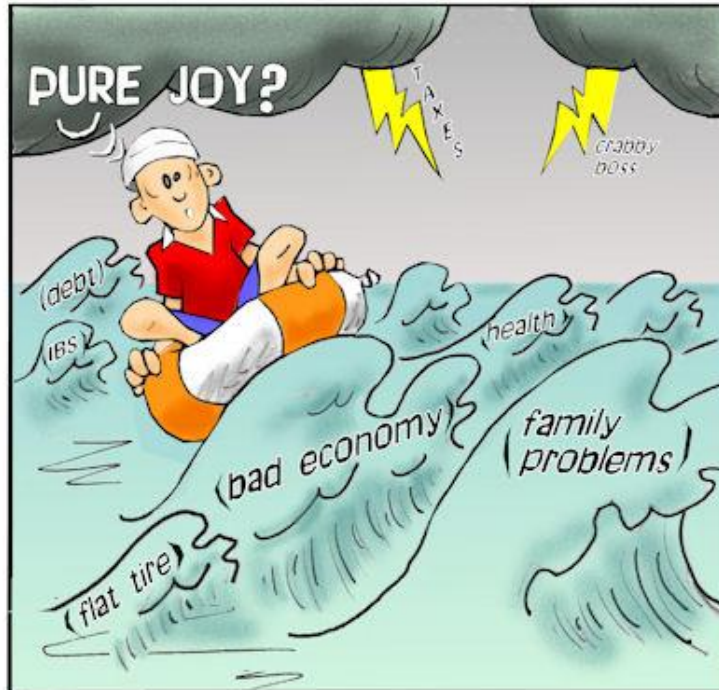
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Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. — PSALM 100:4 NIV

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



I will praise you in this storm, for you are who you are, no matter where I am.
James 1:2-6 (lyrics from Casting Crowns)