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*CtK in Worship—Empowerment to Grow—Relationships Bring Life—Honor in Service
In His Presence—Sharing Jesus in Love—CtK in Mission*

Day 12—Thursday, August 23rd

In His Presence

Prayer Focus—CtK MOPS Mothers of Pre-School Children

***The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom, so that I know how to comfort the weary.
Morning by morning he awakens me and opens my understanding to his will.***

Isaiah 50:4 (NLT)

While his instructions for us will sometimes conflict with the world around us, and even the church we belong to, we must use the wisdom he gives us for its purpose. His purpose is the only one that truly matters. Not what others think you should be doing as a Christian. Open up and let him in. When we truly open ourselves up to the Lord and give him the driver seat to our lives, he never steers us wrong.

A very close Christian brother told me a story. A man woke from a dream where the Lord spoke to him. He was to go to a certain corner in the city, start waving his arms and dance around in a happy enthusiastic manner. He didn't understand why. He was embarrassed and felt strange. He did what was asked of him. The next day, people driving and walking by laughed at him and called him names. A woman saw him, and she rejoiced and sat down on a nearby bench to cry. Her life was in turmoil and she had no place to turn to find help. She was in desperate need. She did not know God, but the night before, she prayed for the first time. The woman said to God, "If you can hear me, have a man dance on the corner and wave his arms so I will know you are real and hear someone like me."

God put his wisdom and understanding in this man's heart. The understanding was for God's will to be done. Even though the man never met the woman, he still comforted the weary.

The Lord founded the earth by wisdom and established the heavens by understanding. By his knowledge the watery depths broke open, and the clouds dripped with dew (Proverbs 3:19-20). The bible is a learning tool. We have an opportunity to change, grow and strengthen our spiritual selves through comprehension, learning and God's wisdom.

Being in God's presence for some requires stubbornness and fortitude to do what he wants—to open up and listen. To surrender all that you are to his will. This does not always follow conventional methods and constraints. Do not force people into your definition of a Christian. The Lord does not work this way. Why should you?

Eat honey for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your palate; realize that wisdom is the same for you. If you find it, you will have a future, and your hope will never fade. Gracious Lord, grant me your wisdom and bring my heart joy, so that I can answer anyone who taunts me. Bless those who seek your counsel and wisdom. Speak to them so they can do your good works. Give the Mothers with pre-school children an abundance of patience, compassion, empathy, and sympathy to aid them in all they do. Amen.

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