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HFMC Prayer Point – by Ed Adshead

Raise A Hallelujah

We were reminded this week of the necessity to “Raise A Hallelujah “ to the Lord God Almighty!

Our friends Vivian and Doug Dawson sent us a note about our friend Paul Mathewson. It reads as follows:

“Thanks for the update. I was choosing music for this coming Sunday and came across "In Moments Like These" from a previous list. Paul introduced us to that in the Sault and I remember him lifting his hands while singing it. Which brought to mind a song and story that I heard last year at the Wesley Acres Spring Ladies' retreat. The song is "Raise A Hallelujah" by Jonathan David and Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs and Jake Stevens. It was inspired by the critical illness of a little boy, and his parents putting updates on Facebook (I think). The group wrote the song in a short space of time and sent it to the father. I think if you look up the song, the story is with it. The child was near death and miraculously healed. Maybe if you are part of a prayer group they might want to pray for Paul in the manner of raising their hands in Hallelujah! for his recovery. The speaker that weekend also told us about a dream she had after learning the song and about it: there was a poker game going on with two players left. Satan had all but one chip and said "all in". The opponent said "I raise you a hallelujah". Then Satan overturned the table and left the room. Her point was that one hallelujah is all it takes to defeat Satan's power over a person or situation. Hope this brings some thought and lifts your spirits. Valerie”

The scripture for this comes from 2 Chronicles 20:17 NKJV

¹⁷ You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with you.

These words were in response to King Jehosaphat and the people of Judah and Jerusalem bringing their plight of invasion before the Lord.

The Lord responded through one of the Levite priests how He would fight for His people, all they had to do, was to stand.

All we have to do in any of life’s situations is to take our concerns to God in prayer with true confession and humble hearts and then wait for His answer by just standing and letting God do the work.

Lord we Pray:

We acknowledge you as the one true God;

We ask that your will be done on earth and in us as it is in heaven;

We confess our personal sins, our communities sins and our country's sins before you today;

Take away our pride and arrogance;

We raise a hallelujah before you today for the healing of those among or congregation that need your healing;

We ask and we have faith that you will answer us;

We pray for Paul Mathewson;

Shirley Miller;

Dody Reimer;

And all the others in our church families that have health concerns and need of healing;

We pray these things in the name of Your Son Jesus,

Amen

We "Raise A Hallelujah" against the enemy of illness and against the giant of unbelief in our lives! We stand before you as directed and wait for your will to be accomplished

I told a story about my baby sister who died when she was only two and one half years old and what a great smile she had. She is with Jesus today, whole healthy and in her heavenly body, she has a beautiful radiant smile. Whether God heals us here on earth, or takes us home and heals us, we will be healed. If we continue to believe in Jesus Christ, the purpose of His coming to this earth – to bring the gospel of the good news of the kingdom of God; a new covenant with God through Him, a light of revival and renewal into a dark world and a promise of eternal salvation through a belief in Him as the Son of God. If we believe in His death on the cross for forgiveness, a restoration of relationship with God and the reality of eternal salvation, then we will see our loved ones in heaven. We will see things such as loved ones fully restored and their new beautiful smiles. All things are possible through faith and belief in the death on the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remember Jesus defeated Satan by His death on the cross; we have nothing to fear if we remain strong in our belief and faith in Jesus Christ'