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Psalms 116:1 I love the Lord Because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy, ²Because He has inclined His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

This is the month of blessing and the Holy Spirit moving in powerful ways, but I know that I know it's been a past month of serious warfare against demonic forces that have been sent to hinder us. Think back to the things that you have bowed too and repent right now, because we will be discouraged and walk wounded if we don't. And we won't see the fulfillment of blessing in our lives with those things clinging to us. Go on, DO IT! Now! Don't wait! The battle has been fierce for our minds the past 30 days. Some of you are still going to be battling like never before because God is finding out the measure of man before Him. Who is this that He has created to do battle for Him against the forces of hell? Who's side are you on? I must admit I am preaching to myself here too. I've been fasting and praying that God would reveal men's hearts to themselves during these times of testing and I am not sure I'll pray that prayer again. Oops! I've had men call me out to get into it with them three times in this past week! What ??? These are Christians? Lovers of God? Doers of His will? Some profess this, you do the math. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks! Not even in the heat of the moment, no matter what may come your way, no matter what you may feel you're being put through should you allow the enemy to use you for evil or for harm. Even your words can murder! But...these things are being brought out for a reason. I think we've tried to pack in the good things of God over the top of a lot of nastiness and sin and we've not let God truly let His cleansing stream wash away ALL the muck and mire that's been part of our lives for so long. Then, we ask Him into our lives, and we don't give Him those dark recesses of our hearts. We give Him the surface, that's why the "old" man pokes its ugly head through the dirt of your flesh so readily and easily. You may "act" good for weeks, months maybe even years at a time, but someone will be led your way, I assure you, that's full of the Holy Spirit that will agitate those things in you that haven't been allowed in the light, and the surface religiosity on you will not like that at all and you'll point out all their faults not wanting to look at your own dirt. Then, there will be those who'll throw out the old "I'm not perfect, I'm going to sin and it's covered by grace so I can get by with being like this". WHAT!!! Roman 6:1 says: "*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin*

that grace may abound? By no means"! ¹²"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions ¹³Don't present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness". We must realize that sin is no longer our master. Quit bowing to those sins! Will we be tempted? Absolutely! But we can't let those desires gain control, ¹⁷⁻¹⁸But thanks be to God that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. True Christians will grow in their love of right living according to God's word. This is obedience from the heartWhen you get to know God intimately, deeper feelings for the things of the heart of God...His compassion, His mercy, His humility, His love will be what people see and hear drawing them. This is the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your lives! Don't push it away when it checks you, give in. This is how growth comes and you can begin to withstand the craftiness of the devil and more aware of those things that God still wants out, out, out of your life.

A prayer: *Father, I see the enemy at work. He's busy leading so many astray and even I have wandered. Look deep and see the good in me, as small as it is. Water it with Your grace and love and obedience. Keep me humble before You but raise me up to fight the enemy. Open my eyes that I may see what's happening in the spiritual realm. I've been in this fleshly body and mind so long, those things are easy to see. Take me deeper into Your Spirit. Bring me complete and total deliverance from who I used to be. I know there's a deeper place in You. Take me there. Forgive me. Bless me. Fill me. Change me. I am Yours. I don't want to go back to my old life. Your plans are too great concerning me so, I bow to You, my Master, who will treat me like a king and yet a son. You take care of me and I thank you. I thank You. I thank You! Strip away the layers of hidden sin in my life and move upon me to walk in righteousness and goodness. You're the lover of my soul and I trust You to help me. I know You're as close as the mention of Your name. Jesus! In Your name...Amen*

The battle belongs to the Lord!

I believe in you and that you're on the winning side.....

Your bondservant,

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