

may 17

there's a saying often quoted here in texas, it's good to be back in the saddle again. it really means, "back in my place". back where i feel i belong. i must admit, i miss writing just as much as some have missed reading. not all i know, but enough of you. just as it is our Lord's way - to stop for the one - i too am willing to stop for the one to minister what i can.

that's what we're all here for who have become part and parcel with our Lord Jesus - not for ourselves, for the one who is hurting - for the wounded soldier who need a medic. "i have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer i who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which i now live in the flesh i live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." gal 2:20 nkjv

the king james version says "faith of the son of God". Jesus definitely didn't lack faith. He knew! i am reminded of the saying, "dead man walking". "to this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world". john 18:37 Jesus knew He was a dead man walking - walking straight into new life.

it's only when we have allowed this flesh to die that we can fully live in the spirit. crucifixion is not a joyful death. it's not like peacefully going in your sleep. but it was what my Lord went through and i want to know Him in every way. "that i may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." phil 3:10

i want to know the fellowship of His suffering because i also want to know the "power" of His resurrection. can one be known without the other? "most assuredly, i say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." john 12:24

a seed remains dormant until it is joined together with the dirt of the earth. then it springs into life, producing and reproducing after it's kind. that's the God ordained way of creation. until we are joined together with Jesus, the Christ, the son of God, we too remain alone and will die alone. but oh the glory when we are joined with Jesus. "he who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." john 15:5

i think of the lyrics of the song, He walks with me (in the garden). "and He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me i am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other, has ever, known!" the joy we share together is unique and felt by no other. it is something special between my Lord and me. it's as special as you treat it to be.

do you have you those "special" times or is there just not enough time in your day? our Lord is the creator of time. what you give to Him will be multiplied back. without those moments of respite, the death will be more agonizing. lean into Him and He will lean into you. lay your head on His breast as the beloved apostle john did at the last supper. i promise you, it will be "joy unspeakable and full of glory". 1 pet 1:8

you know, this wasn't at all what i planned to talk about when i began writing, but the words come forth from Him. mine are useless. His are life itself. "it is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. the words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." john 6:63

God bless you all. it's good to be home!