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Greetings all in the **Predominantly Precious & Powerful** Name of **JESUS!!!**

I have not posted anything for a while, because I have been so busy of late! However I thought I would share one or two of things.....

Thursday night two weeks ago (10 June 2004) before going to sleep I had a time of prayer and closed by asking God to give me a dream (not something I normally do, I should add) - which he did about 3:15 am the next morning... a vivid dream about a man with a wooden leg who looked like me... the leg was off and lying on the floor... I knew the dream was of God but did not really understand it ...until a woman of God gave me the intpretation the next day, as we were talking, without me telling her anything about the dream...

To be more precise, I was actually in a bookstore the next day at lunch, buying a birthday card for my dear wife (her birthday being the Sunday (13 June), and the Saturday I bought her many gifts as well and put them into a box with four "Happy Birthday" balloons all attached) and I had started talking to the female store attendant. We did not know each other save by sight, and first she shared her testimony with me, and then I sensed an anointing come upon her as she began to encourage me in the Lord. Then she looked at me and asked:

"If God were to take your wife, your son and *your leg*, would you be able to praise Him?"

Well, of course, I remembered the dream the Lord had given me the night before and so spent a good while pondering my reply. Finally I replied by reciting (very "correctly") the words of Job: "I would say : the Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the Name of the Lord." (Later when I looked up the passage there in Job where he said those words I was shocked to discover that even before saying them, after all had been taken from him, the Word of God says that Job had **worshipped** God! - Read Job 1:20-21)

Anyway, not put off by my "correct" response, the lady who was speaking to me laughed goodnaturedly and said "would you really say that?" Then she kept talking about if God were to take my leg... she zeroed in specifically on this "leg" thing, and the more she kept talking about my leg, naturally the more I remembered the dream, and the more I realised God was speaking to me, and the more carefully I listened!

The point is, as she went on to say, that God alone must be my support, nothing and no one else. I understood also clearly as she spoke that any support but God in my life, any "support" which is not Him, is but a wooden leg, not the real thing. I must repeat that I had not mentioned my dream the night before to her - only when she had finished speaking and giving its interpretation did I share it!

The same evening (Friday) I also discovered that a prayer partner of mine had been awake around the same time I had received the dream and had been praying for me. The ways of the Spirit are truly fascinating.

Anyway, here is the Lord's challenge to me and my challenge to us all - is God truly our "support" or are we relying on "wooden legs" to see us along life's path?

The second thought I wish to leave with you all is the power of the ministry of encouragement.

Last week, Thursday night, I travelled to Grenada for a business meeting the Friday (25 June). It was a particularly difficult meeting, which I was the Chairman for (re a Task Force I am guiding to encourage the implementation of computerised mapping systems within the CARILEC Association of Caribbean utilities). The meeting taxed my energies both preparing for and participating in it. I had been greatly encouraged before the meeting by various persons - particularly by a timely phone call from my wife in the morning who told me how she was praying for me and gave me a powerful prophetic word of encouragement, and also by a prayer from Dana Babb the day before (who is back working with us as a vacation student for 6 weeks), and by the testimony of a wonderful Christian maid that I had met the night before in my hotel's dining area, plus by listening to powerful anointed messages on TBN by Joyce Meyer and Benny Hinn in the morning via the TV in my hotel room. I should have been on a high, but to be honest with you all, nevertheless, when I got to the airport to fly back home from my meeting the Friday night, despite all the previous encouragement, and despite the meeting going well, I was really drained and despondent. Sitting down alone at a place to eat and drink in the departure lounge, the female attendant there started to speak to me. It seemed as though she knew exactly where I was at, and it turned out she was a Christian - she not only encouraged me greatly verbally in the Lord, but then she began to sing the beautiful Donnie McClurkin song:

*Great is Your mercy towards me...
Your loving kindness towards me
Your tender mercies I see day after day...
Forever faithful towards me,
Always providing for me,
Great is your mercy towards me...
Great is your grace...*

She did not just sing; she sang like an angel, in a most melodic manner. It turned out she used to be part of a very anointed choir in the States. Soon I joined in and we were singing together. Needless to say, by the time I caught my LIAT flight (which was delayed for about an hour but I did not mind!) my spirits had been immeasurably lifted! My "encourager" was encouraged herself, for I noticed that she spent the rest of the night singing to and about the Lord! In passing, her name is Gold and anytime one of you is

passing through the Grenada airport, give her a lookup - perhaps you too will be blessed by "Gold"-en singing!

Anyway, I write this email likewise to encourage you all in the Lord! **Great** is his **mercy** and **lovingkindness** towards us! He is **forever faithful, always providing!** **Great** is His mercy towards us...**Great** is His **grace!** Hallelujah!

Also, I am still working on my notes re the Passion of Christ, and the pictures of the church in scripture. Hope to finish both shortly. Bear with me! And don't forget - our next group prayer meeting for the Company and needs is 7:30 am Tuesday morning next week (6 July), in the Accounts Conference Room.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb 10:24-25

May God bless you all richly.

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