



He is STILL The Lord,

He is STILL ADEQUATE;

He is STILL SUFFICIENT,

He's STILL more than ENOUGH through all 2009.

Here's something I read this week: -

*I always wanted to be a procrastinator, but never got around to it.*

## TODAY'S STUDY

### IF YOU GET INVITED TO...

#### Dear Friend,

If you ever get invited to Buckingham Palace and have the privilege of meeting the Queen, don't show up in cut-off blue jeans and a raggedy old Tee-shirt. They won't let you in.

You're not coming to a pizza take a way shop, you're entering a palace; you are addressing royalty The Queen of England, her position demands certain respect and protocol. Keep that thought in mind.

When Jesus told us to pray, "*Hallowed be Your name,*" He was teaching us: **His protocol.**

God has a calling for our lives, a plan, a destiny, and a purpose. It is a high calling because it comes from Him. We have a choice either to walk in this high calling or to reject it. The high calling is the place of assignment God gives you.

There's only one way to enter God's presence. And it's not with a shopping list of all the things you want.

If the only time someone comes to visit you; is when they need something, you'll soon stop answering the door if you know it's them knocking.

David tells us how we should approach God:

Psalm 100:3-4 *Know that the Lord He is God: it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves... Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with*

*praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.*

Did you understand that?

We should enter His gates with *thanksgiving* for all He's done.

Then walk across His courtyard with *praise* for Who He is, He is the Son of God.

*My Saviour, my Deliverer, my Defender, my Provider, my Source of Strength, my Way-maker, the Centre of my joy, the Lover of my soul, the Author and Finisher of my faith.*

You may say *but Norman; I'm not the emotional type.*

Come on, you've no trouble expressing yourself when your football team is winning or your basketball team scores.

Whether you're a morning person or a night person, the Bible says Psalm 113:3 *From the rising of the sun to its going down, the Lord's name is to be praised.*

The way to enter, to enjoy, and to live in God's presence - is through *praise*.

What you enjoy *today* is a direct result of what you invested in *yesterday*. So, if you want the future to be different, start changing what you're doing.

Each of us has a comfort zone. We make most of our decisions based on that. Outside of that zone we begin to feel uneasy. For example, some people lack self-confidence unless they wear name-brand clothes; others wouldn't know an Armani suit from a tracksuit!

Some are intimidated by those higher up the food chain like royalty; others would be comfortable having afternoon tea with the Queen of England.

My wife Elizabeth and I on a visit to New Zealand a few years ago stayed in the home of and fellowshiped with The High Commissioner for the Cooke islands. He and his wife are beautiful people and we felt no discomfort staying in their beautiful home overlooking the Wellington Harbour, even when we found out they had spent time the previous week in the company of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip who had been visiting New Zealand

If we are to accomplish anything worthwhile it generally means - expanding our comfort zone. That can be scary if you have never done so before. It's like public speaking it's a problem if you are not used to it.

I read that in the book of lists, fear of public speaking is number 1 on the list and number 2 is death by fire. People have less fear of dying in a fire than speaking publically.

It takes courage to leave the security of known ruts! In a rut you learn to tolerate even those unbearable situations that make change difficult. It takes courage to examine your life, decide what isn't working and then change it; especially when it involves changing jobs, locations, habits, and relationships.

Elizabeth and I have had and owned almost 27 homes in our 45 years of marriage so we know about moving and relocating etc. We have moved across the world, across Australia and across town.

But if you want the fruit, you've got to get out on the limb; out of your comfort zone. The best fruit is always on the branches never on the trunk.

*Remember the turtle: he makes progress only by sticking his neck out.*

David said Psalm 118.5 AMP *I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free and in a large place.*

Taking a risk in God every day empowers you; it widens your space. So go ahead, talk to that person who intimidates you! Face up to that bully at school! Ask your boss for a raise if you deserve it! Seize that opportunity; invest in that business; eat at a nice restaurant, even if it means dining alone!

Each night before you go to sleep, plan tomorrow's *risk*. Why? Because the wider your comfort zone, the less fear can control you.

REMEMBER THIS SCRIPTURE VERSE

Philippians 3:14 *I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Message Bible vs. 14 *I'm off and running and I'm not turning back.*

Yours in Christ's Love

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**THERE SHOULD BE A LOT MORE FUN IN LIFE!**

**An elderly gentleman with serious hearing problems goes to the doctor who fits him with hearing aids that allow him to hear at 100% for the first time in many years.**

**The elderly man goes back in a month for another check up.**

**The doctor says *Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.***

**To which the gentleman replies, *Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!***