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INTRODUCTION

AS WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY INTO THE YEAR 2011, IT IS MY PRAYER THAT WE WILL USE THIS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REFLECTION AND INSPECTION.

REFLECTING ON HOW GOOD THE LORD HAS BEEN TO US, WHILE YET INSPECTING THOSE AREAS WHERE WE STILL HAVE ROOM TO GROW.

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT 2010 WAS FULL OF CHALLENGES. YET I SUBMIT THAT 2010 HAS BEEN FAVORABLE FOR ALL OF US, BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE STILL HERE TO TALK ABOUT IT.

YOU HAD DRAMA IN JANUARY, BUT YOU MADE IT.

- **FRUSTRATION IN FEBRUARY;**
- **MAYHEM IN MARCH;**
- **ANGER IN APRIL;**
- **MISFORTUNE IN MAY;**
- **YOU TOOK SOME JABS IN JUNE;**
- **YOU HAD SOME JOLTS IN JULY;**
- **ANGUISH IN AUGUST;**
- **SICKNESS IN SEPTEMBER;**
- **OBSTACLES IN OCTOBER;**

- **NEGATIVITY IN NOVEMBER;**
- **AND SOME DILEMMAS IN DECEMBER; BUT YOU MADE IT.**

IF YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED ANYTHING ELSE FROM THE PAST 12 MONTHS, YOU SHOULD'VE LEARNED THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THE LORD HAS GIVEN US MORE THAN WHAT WE DESERVED.

WE DIDN'T DESERVE GRACE. BUT HE GAVE IT TO US.

- **WE DIDN'T DESERVE MERCY;**
- **WE DIDN'T DESERVE FAVOR;**
- **WE DIDN'T DESERVE PROVISIONS BUT GOD GAVE THEM TO US.**

BUT EVERY TIME WE TURN AROUND, HE JUST KEEPS ON, BEING GOOD TO US!

TRANSITION TO THE TEXT

IN THE INTRODUCTORY VERSES OF THIS EPISTLE, JAMES MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS AN AUDIENCE OF BELIEVERS AND NOT THE UNSAVED.

I. HE SAYS, “JAMES, *SERVANT OF GOD AND OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO THE TWELVE TRIBES WHICH ARE SCATTERED ABROAD,* GREETING.² *MY BRETHREN...*”

A. DO YOU SEE THAT THERE? IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S NOT TALKING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL TRYING TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS. HE'S TALKING TO THE BRETHREN.

B. HE'S NOT TALKING TO PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN TO CHURCH SINCE EASTER. HE'S TALKING TO THE BRETHREN.

- 1. AND BEFORE I GO TOO MUCH FARTHER IN THIS MESSAGE, YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BROTHERS AND COUSINS.**
- 2. YOU SEE, COUSINS, YOU DON'T EXPECT TO SEE ALL THE TIME. BUT BRETHREN, YOU EXPECT THEM TO BE AROUND BECAUSE YOU ALL HAVE THE SAME DADDY.**
- 3. YES, COUSINS, WILL COME TO THE HOUSE ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS. BUT BRETHREN WERE THERE LAST SUNDAY, AND THEY'LL BE THERE THIS SUNDAY.**

C. YOU SEE, YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHO HE'S WRITING TO TODAY, BECAUSE AS BRETHREN, WE HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORLD AND HOW WE GO ABOUT LIVING THIS LIFE.

- 1. IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T LIVE BY THE WORLD'S SYSTEM.**
- 2. WE DON'T SUBSCRIBE TO THE WORLD'S WAY OF DOING THINGS.**
- 3. THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW TO FOLLOW IS THE ONE WHO DECLARED I AM THE WAY.**

D. THEY WERE SCATTERED BECAUSE THEY WERE PERSECUTED BY THEIR ENEMIES FOR WEARING THE LABEL OF CHRISTIAN. BUT PROTECTED THEM.

**E. WHEN YOU TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT,
THAT'S ENOUGH REASON TO TELL GOD
THANK YOU.**

- 1. IS THERE ANYBODY OTHER THAN ME,
WHO CAN REFLECT OVER THE PAST
YEAR, AND SEE WHERE THE LORD HAD
PROTECTED YOU?**
- 2. HERE THEY ARE SERVING THE LORD,
BUT STILL FOUND THEMSELVES BEING
PERSECUTED.**
- 3. THEY WERE STILL ALIVE, AND IN THOSE
DAYS, A WHOLE LOT OF BELIEVERS
DIDN'T HAVE THAT TESTIMONY.**
- 4. HE SAYS YOU ALL ARE SCATTERED BY
PERSECUTION AND BY THE HAND OF
YOUR ENEMY.**
- 5. BUT IN SPITE OF THOSE DEMONIC
INTENTIONS, THE LORD HAS A WAY OF
PROTECTING HIS PEOPLE**
- 6. I SAID THIS BEFORE AND I'LL SAY IT
AGAIN. BECAUSE A WHOLE LOT OF US
WERE GONE WHEN THE REVELATION
WENT OUT.**
- 7. IF YOU REALLY WANT A REASON TO
SHOUT, YOU NEED TO MOVE PAST HOW
GOD BLESSED, AND THINK ABOUT HOW
HE BLOCKED.**
- 8. WE COULD HAVE BEEN HOMELESS, BUT
GOD BLOCKED IT.**
 - WE COULD HAVE BEEN JOBLESS;**
 - WE COULD HAVE BEEN HUNGRY;**

- WE COULD HAVE LOST OUR MIND;
- WE COULD BE LAID UP IN BETH ISRAEL;
- WE COULD BE BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL;
- WE COULD BE LOCKED UP IN NORTHERN STATE, BUT GOD BLOCKED IT.

F. IF IT HAD NOT BEEN, FOR THE LORD, WHO WAS ON OUR SIDE.

G. TELL THE FOLKS AROUND YOU, YOU DON'T EVEN WANNA KNOW...

II. SO HERE WE FIND THE SECOND PART OF JAMES'S MESSAGE. FIRST WE HAD REFLECTION. BUT NOW WE HAVE INSPECTION.

A. THE FIRST POINT DEALT WITH PAST PERSECUTION. NOW THE SECOND PART DEALS WITH FUTURE FRUSTRATIONS.

1. HE SAYS, "BRETHREN, COUNT IT ALL JOY, WHEN YOU FALL IN TO DIVERSE TEMPTATIONS.
2. AND WHEN I RESEARCHED THE TERM HE USED FOR TEMPTATION, IT'S THE GREEK WORD, PEIRASMOS, WHICH MEANS TO PUT SOMETHING TO PROOF BY MEANS OF ADVERSITY...

- 3. FOLLOW ME NOW. BECAUSE IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS VERSE, YOU HAVE TO INSPECT WHAT JAMES IS SAYING, AND THEN APPLY IT TO YOUR SITUATION.**
 - 4. HE SAYS, “BRETHREN, COUNT IT ALL JOY.” COUNT WHAT? YOUR PERSECUTION.**
 - 5. THE FACT THAT YOU'VE BEEN SCATTERED; THE FACT THAT YOUR ENEMY IS AFTER YOU. THE FACT THAT YOUR SURROUNDINGS ARE UNFAMILIAR TO YOU.**
 - 6. EVERYTHING THAT WAS DESIGNED TO DESTROY YOU, YOU NEED TO INSPECT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON, AND FILE IT UNDER A NEW CATEGORY. (JOY)**
- B. STAY WITH ME NOW. JUST THINK ABOUT ALL YOU WENT THROUGH IN 2010. IF YOU LOOK AT IT ON THE SURFACE, YOU WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND ANY JOY IN THAT SITUATION.**
- YOUR MARRIAGE IS IN TROUBLE;**
 - YOUR KIDS WENT STONE CRAZY LAST YEAR;**
 - YOUR GRADES FELL;**
 - YOUR MONEY RAN OUT;**
 - YOU SPENT SOME NIGHTS IN THE DARK;**
 - YOUR FRIENDS SHOWED THEIR TRUE COLORS;**

- **SICKNESS ATTACKED YOUR BODY;**
- **DOCTOR TOLD YOU THAT YOUR ILLNESS WAS UNTREATABLE;**
- **YOU LOST YOUR JOB. WHERE IS THE JOY IN THAT?**
- **THE ECONOMY IS DOWN.**
- **THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING HAS GONE UP.**

TELL ME PASTOR, WHERE IN ALL THAT JUNK CAN I FIND ANY JOY?...

THAT'S WHY SOME FOLKS THINK WE ARE CRAZY AROUND THESE PARTS, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T FATHOM WHY I WOULD TELL FOLKS WITH SO MANY PROBLEMS, TO KEEP GIVING GOD PRAISE.

1. **"YOU GIVING PEOPLE FALSE HOPE.**
 2. **YOU SELLING THEM PIE IN THE SKY."**
 3. **BUT WHAT SOME PEOPLE FAIL TO REALIZE, IS THAT A CHRISTIAN OUGHT TO LIVE WITH A FILTER CALLED FAITH.**
- C. IN OTHER WORDS, THE STUFF THAT SHOULD HAVE DRIVEN OTHER FOLK CRAZY, DON'T BOTHER US BECAUSE WE FILE THAT STUFF UNDER A DIFFERENT CATEGORY.**
- D. WHILE SOME PEOPLE MAY FILE IT UNDER JUNK, JAMES COMMANDS GOD'S PEOPLE TO FILE IT UNDER JOY.**
- E. THAT'S WHY THIS MESSAGE IS CALLING FOR A RIGHTEOUS RECOUNT, BECAUSE THE**

THINGS THAT WERE MEANT TO TEAR YOU DOWN, AFTER FURTHER INSPECTION, IT ACTUALLY HELPED BUILD YOU UP.

- 1. DO I HAVE A WITNESS HERE? JAMES SAYS COUNT IT ALL JOY. NOT JUST THE STUFF YOU LIKED, YOU NEED TO COUNT THE STUFF YOU DIDN'T LIKE.**
- 2. YEA, NOT JUST YOUR COMFORTABLE MOMENTS. YOU NEED TO COUNT YOUR STRESSFUL MOMENTS AS JOY ALSO.**
- 3. YOU NEED TO COUNT YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR ENEMIES AS JOY.**
 - YOUR GOOD DAYS AND YOUR BAD DAYS;**
 - YOUR ROUGH DAYS AND YOUR EASY DAYS;**
 - YOUR PROSPERITY AND YOUR POVERTY;**
 - YOUR SUNDAYS AND YOUR MONDAYS;**
 - YOUR WEDDINGS AND YOUR FUNERALS;**
 - YOUR BABY BLESSINGS AND YOUR BABY STRESSING;**
 - YOUR NEW BOO AND YOUR NO BOO**
- 1. NO MATTER WHAT IT IS YOU ARE FACING THIS YEAR, HE TELLS US IN ADVANCE TO COUNT IT ALL JOY!**

2. NOW, RIGHT ABOUT HERE IS WHERE I PART WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO ACCUSE US OF BEING IGNORANT.
3. LISTEN, IN NO WAY AM I SAYING WE SHOULD IGNORE OUR PROBLEMS, OR ACT LIKE THEY DON'T EXIST.
4. I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE PREACHERS THAT'S GOING TO WAVE A MAGIC WAND AND YOU BE ALRIGHT BY 12 MIDNIGHT.
5. SOME STUFF IN THIS LIFE YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH.
6. BUT THIS MESSAGE ISN'T ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE GOING TO FEEL PAIN. IT'S ABOUT WHERE YOU NEED TO FILE THAT PAIN...(JOY)

I. JAMES SAYS COUNT IT, OR FILE IT, UNDER THE JOY CATEGORY, WHEN YOU FALL INTO DIVERSE TEMPTATIONS.

- A. NOT JUST TEMPTATIONS OF THE FLESH LIKE DRINKING AND CREEPING.
- B. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL TEMPTATIONS THAT COULD DRAW YOU AWAY FROM CHRIST.
- C. THAT'S WHY THEY WERE SCATTERED. THAT'S WHY THEY WERE PERSECUTED. IT WAS A LAST DITCH EFFORT ON SATAN'S PART TO SEPARATE THE PEOPLE FROM THE GOD THAT THEY SERVED.
- D. REMEMBER NOW, EVERYBODY STARTED OFF IN JERUSALEM. AND IT WAS PERSECUTION THAT CAUSED PEOPLE TO SCATTER TO THOSE OTHER PLACES.

E. THE TEMPLE WAS IN JERUSALEM. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD FALLEN IN JERUSALEM. AND THE ENEMY FIGURED THAT AS SOON AS THEY WERE SCATTERED INTO A STRANGE LAND, THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THEIR LORD...

F. I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS MESSAGE IS FOR. BUT WHAT SOME OF US WENT THROUGH LAST YEAR WAS DESIGNED TO SCATTER YOU AWAY FROM YOUR JOY.

1. SOME OF YOU HAD TO GO TO SOME UNFAMILIAR PLACES LAST YEAR.

2. SOME OF US HAD TO DEAL WITH SOME UNFAMILIAR PEOPLE.

3. YOU SAW SOME STUFF YOU HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

4. YOU HAVE BEEN STRETCHED BEYOND ANYTHING YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE.

5. BUT WHAT THE ENEMY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS FAITH YOU HAVE, IS THAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD WAS NEVER TIED TO A PIECE OF LAND.

G. I GOT SOME STUDENTS WHO LEFT HOME, AND INSTEAD OF GOING CRAZY, THEY ACTUALLY GOT CLOSER TO JESUS THAN THEY EVER WERE BEFORE.

H. THEY CALLED THEM ON WATCH NIGHT TO COME OUT AND PLAY. BUT THEY AND GOD MADE THE DECISION TO COME IN HERE AND PRAY.

I. EVEN IN PLACE THAT WAS UNFAMILIAR TO THEM, THERE'S SOMEBODY HERE WHO CAN

TESTIFY THAT THE LAND DIDN'T KEEP THEM FROM THE LORD.

J. JAMES SAYS COUNT IT ALL JOY, WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF BEING TRIED THROUGH MEANS OF ADVERSITY.

K. BECAUSE, IF GOD WAS THERE THROUGH PAST PERSECUTIONS, YOU GOTTA TRUST HIM IN TIMES OF FUTURE FRUSTRATIONS.

IV. HERE'S WHY. JAMES SAYS
KNOWING THIS, THAT THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE. ⁴BUT LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK, THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT AND ENTIRE, WANTING NOTHING.

A. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU ASK GOD FOR IN YOUR PRAYERS. BECAUSE THE MOMENT YOU PRAY FOR SOMETHING LIKE PATIENCE, WELL, PATIENCE DOESN'T COME THROUGH MEANS OF COMFORTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES...

1. LISTEN, HE DIDN'T SAY THAT "EVERYBODY LIKING YOU WORKETH PATIENCE."

- **HE DIDN'T SAY "HAVING MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY WORKETH PATIENCE."**
- **HE DIDN'T SAY "SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS WORKETH PATIENCE."**
- **HE DIDN'T SAY "A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH WORKETH PATIENCE."**

- **HE DIDN'T SAY "1000 FACEBOOK FRIENDS WORKETH PATIENCE."**
- **HE DIDN'T SAY "A BRAND NEW POSITION ON YOUR JOB WORKETH PATIENCE."**
- **HE DIDN'T SAY "EVERYBODY DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO WORKETH PATIENCE."**

B. THE WAY TO TRY YOUR FAITH IS TO STRETCH IT BEYOND IT'S COMFORT ZONE!

C. DID ANYBODY HERE HAVE THEIR FAITH STRETCHED LAST YEAR?

D. WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU OUGHTA BE SHOUTING ABOUT. BECAUSE THE ONLY REASON YOU KNOW HOW TO WAIT ON GOD, IS BECAUSE HE ALLOWED FOR YOUR OTHER STUFF TO RUN COMPLETELY OUT.

E. IF I NEVER HAD A PROBLEM, I NEVER WOULD'VE KNOWN THAT GOD CAN SOLVE IT.

F. IF I NEVEDR HAD A QUESTION, I NEVER WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT GOD COULD ANSWER IT.

G. IF I NEVER HAD AN ENEMY, I NEVER WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT HE WAS A BATTLEAXE;

H. IF I NEVER HAD A STORM STORM, I NEVER WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT HE WAS A SHELTER;

I. IF I WAS NEVER LOST, I NEVER WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT HE WAS A GUIDE;

J. IF I WAS NEVER MADE TO CRY, I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN THAT HE WAS A COMFORTER.

K. BUT BECAUSE I BEEN THROUGH WHAT I BEEN THROUGH, NOW I CAN SAY THAT I'M STRONGER.

L. THE OLD FOLKS SAID I DON'T KNOW, WHAT I'D DO, WITHOUT THE LORD.

V. BUT IT DOESN'T STOP THERE. JAMES SAYS AND LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK.

A. WHY HER? WHY USE A FEMININE ARTICLE WHEN REFERRING TO THE ABSTRACT IDEA OF PATIENCE?

1. HERE IT IS. BECAUSE FEMALES HAVE THE ABILITY TO BRING FORTH LIFE. AND WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE GOING THROUGH, GOD'S GOING TO USE IT TO BIRTH SOMETHING GOOD OUT OF YOU.

2. YEA, JAMES SAID THE REASON FOR YOUR TEST, IS SO YOU CAN COME OUT ENTIRE, AND PERFECT, LACKING NOTHING.

B. SO APPARENTLY, IF YOU ARE STILL GOING THROUGH, YOU MUST BE LACKING SOMETHING.

1. YOU MUST NEED TO LEARN SOMETHING.

2. YOU MUST NEED TO GROW IN SOME AREA.

3. AND THE ONLY WAY GOD CAN GROW YOU, IS BY SENDING YOU SOME STORMS TO TEST YOUR FAITH.

C. SO WHEN HE SAYS COUNT IT ALL JOY, HE'S NOT TELLING YOU TO BE IGNORANT AND ACT LIKE PROBLEMS DON'T EXIST.

D. WHAT ALL OF US SHOULD DO AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, IS INSPECT WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR LIVES, AND THEN RECOUNT THEM AS JOY, BECAUSE THERE WAS A PURPOSE FOR THOSE PROBLEMS.

E. WHAT THE DEVIL MEANT FOR BAD, GOD USED THAT THING FOR GOOD.

- **WHAT THE DEVIL DID TO HURT YOU, GOD USED IT TO HELP YOU;**
- **WHAT THE DEVIL MEANT TO BE A BURDEN, GOD MADE IT A BRIDGE;**
- **WHAT THE DEVIL MEANT TO DROWN YOU WITH GOD USED IT TO DRAW YOU;**
- **WHAT THE DEVIL MEANT TO SHAME YOU, GOD USED IT TO SHOUT YOU.**

F. BECAUSE NOW I UNDERSTAND, THAT THERE WAS A PURPOSE FOR MY PAIN...

G. SO, AS WE PREPARE TO LEAVE FROM HERE, I STAND AS GOD'S PARLIAMENTARIAN. AND I'M DEMANDING A RIGHTEOUS RECOUNT.

H. THERE WAS SOME SITUATIONS, THAT YOU COMPLAINED ABOUT LAST YEAR. BUT

**BEFORE THIS SERVICE IS OVER, GOD SAYS
YOU NEED TO RECOUNT THAT.**

**I. WHEN YOU LOOK BACK, OVER 12 MONTHS
AGO, THERE ARE SOME THINGS, THAT YOU
FORGOT TO SHOUT ABOUT. YOU NEED TO
RECOUNT THAT.**

**J. AND WHEN THE DEVIL. TRIED TO STEAL
YOUR JOY, YOU LOOKED AT YOUR
PROBLEMS, AND YOU DIDN'T SEE THE
PURPOSE.**

**K. BUT I STOPPED BY HERE, ON MY WAY TO
GLORY, TO LET SOMEBODY KNOW, YOU
NEED TO DO A RECOUNT.**

- **THOSE FRIENDS WHO LET YOU
DOWN, YOU NEED TO DO A
RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY;**
- **THAT SICKNESS THAT YOU HAD,
YOU NEED TO DO A RECOUNT AND
COUNT IT ALL JOY;**
- **YOUR FAMILY BROKE YOUR
HEART, BUT YOU NEED TO DO A
RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY;**
- **YOUR MOMMA DIED OR YOUR
DADDY LEFT HOME, BUT YOU NEED
TO DO A RECOUNT.**
- **YOU WERE LAID OFF FROM YOUR
JOB, BUT YOU NEED TO DO A
RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY;**
- **YOU WERE EVICTED FROM YOUR
HOUSE, BUT YOU NEED TO DO A
RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY;**

- **YOURLIGHTS WERE TURNED OFF, BUT YOU NEED TO DO A RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY;**
- **YOUR CAR WOULDN'T START, BUT YOU NEED TO DO A RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY;**
- **FOLKS TALKED ABOUT YOU, BUT YOU NEED TO DO A RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY.**
- **FOLK DUG DITCHES FOR YOU, BUT YOU NEED DO A RECOUNT AND COUNT IT ALL JOY.**

L. WHAT THE DEVIL MEANT FOR BAD, THE LORD, WORKED IT FOR YOUR GOOD!

M. FOR I HEARD, PAUL SAY, "ALL THINGS, WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, TO THEM, WHO LOVE THE LORD.

N. THE BAD, BY ITSELF, IS ENOUGH, TO MAKE YOU GIVE UP. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK BACK, OVER YOUR LIFE, AND YOU REFLECT ON ALL OF GOD'S BLESSINGS, YOU REALIZE THAT BAD REALLY AINT THAT BAD, BECAUSE IT AINT AS BAD AS IT COULD HAVE BEEN.

O. YOU CAN'T HAVE PEACE, 'TIL YOU'VE HAD SOME PERIL.

- **YOU CAN'T HAVE HOPE UNTIL YOU HAVE CAUGHT SOME HELL;**

- **YOU CAN'T HAVE FAITH UNTIL YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME FEAR;**
- **YOU CAN'T APPRECIATE SUNDAY UNTIL YOU GO THROUGH FRIDAY.**

P. IT WAS EARLY ONE FRIDAY MORNING, THEY LED HIM UP CALVARY HILL, THEY STRETCHED HIS WIDE AND THEY HUNG HIM HIGH.

Q. HE DIED ONE FRIDAY;

R. THEY BURIED HIM IN JOSEPH'S NEW TOMB.. HE STAYED IN THE GRAVE, ALL DAY FRIDAY, ALL NIGHT FRIDAY NIGHT, ALL DAY SATURDAY, ALL NIGHT SATURDAY NIGHT,

S. BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE ROSE WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HANDS.

T. MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTER, I THANK GOD, FOR MY PROBLEMS. I THANK GOD, FOR MY STRUGGLE. CAUSE THROUGH IT ALL, I'VE LEARNED, HOW TO TRUST IN THE LORD.

1. NOW I CAN SING, AND I KNOW WHO I'M SINGING TO.

2. NOW I CAN SHOUT, AND I KNOW WHAT I'M SHOUTING ABOUT.

3. I CAN HOLLER, AND I KNOW WHAT I'M HOLLERING FOR.

4. BECAUSE, IF GOD DOESN'T DO, ANOTHER THING FOR ME, HE'S ALREADY DONE ENOUGH.

