



The Cleft of the Rock

Ms. Katherine Jackson

The devotion for this month in our Women's Fellowship book is entitled, "Fostering Peace in our Communities", but I will drift away from that slightly. While the scripture I will share is not what was given for the meditation, it certainly opens the door for us to contemplate on God's peace and divine protection.

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus, my Lord
A wonderful Saviour to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus, my Lord
He taketh my burden away,
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength for each day.

Fanny Crosby (1890)

The Scripture reading: Exodus 33: 12–23 ...

My focus is on "The Cleft of the Rock" – our Island is pretty much surrounded by iron shore – sharp, jagged rock in varying tones of gray. Some of us have walked on it, some of us have run and stumbled on it and probably gotten cut on it, but at least most of us have seen it. Now, if you look closely, the iron shore is not just all jagged edges pointing upward - the rock actually has small "pockets" in it, as if someone had taken a tiny ice cream scoop and carved out small circular bits. Some of the pockets are larger than others, and these become tidal pools, or simply saltwater settling in the crevices and a tiny fish or two, perhaps little white sand divers, are living in them. In my heart, I believe that that is what God is talking about when He refers to "the cleft of the rock", a place that has been carved out just for us where He can cover us - and it is an image that I carry with me, especially during the hurricane season – as we currently are in. I wonder if anyone ever thought of the iron shore that surrounds us in this way. We certainly can take it as God's protection from a number of things, and thank God for our iron shore.

Through His endearing love for us, God creates these pockets of safety – a safe place where we can go and be covered by His peace and divine protection. Think about this: when there's a thunderstorm happening ... the thunder is rolling, and the lightning is flashing ... or even just when a child comes running to you because he/she fell and got hurt ... you naturally pick them up and you cradle them in your arms – there is the cleft of the rock.


In the same way, God gathers us and cradles us in His arms and creates the cleft in the rock for us – till the storm passes by. Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin – the blood of Jesus whispers peace within ... "and the peace of God which surpasses every thought will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4: 7).

As life goes from day to day, we will be faced with many challenges, our patience will be tried to the max, money will run short, and family may not be available for support, but no matter what, we must remember that God is always near us, hearing what we say, knowing all our thoughts and deeds, all our work and play. God is always near us in the darkest night. He can see us just the same as by midday light.

We must believe, with all our heart, in the God that we talk about and the God that we serve. So, as we find ourselves in the cleft of the rock, may we experience God's perfect peace which passes all understanding ... so that, when we emerge, we will bring that peace to our workplace, to our Churches, to our homes and families, to our friends and into our communities. God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and God has called us to be peacemakers, not peace lovers ... peacemakers pay the price ... peace lovers enjoy the benefits. God promises to bless the peacemakers, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God (Matthew 5: 9). So, as women of God let us seek to serve and follow Him so that we can claim the joy, peace, and divine protection that He offers in the cleft of the Rock.

Let us pray:

God our Father who delights in loving and caring for us, we pray that we may remember that You will always make a cleft in the rock when the going gets tough, and while there, may we experience your peace, mercy, and grace, so that we can come forth to be peacemakers and help your Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.



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Interschool/Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IS/IVCF) is celebrating its 10th anniversary of spreading the Gospel and discipling students in the Cayman Islands. Over the years, we have had active groups at Triple C, John Gray High, Clifton Hunter, CIFEC, Cayman Prep and High, Layman Scott, and UCCI. We hope to establish groups in the other private institutions on the island. At the start of each academic year, we promote the club in the schools and invite students to sign up to join.



IS/IVCF Club sign up Day at UCCI (University College of the Cayman Islands)



IS/IVCF Club sign up Day at CPHS (Cayman Prep and High School)


The ministry is student-led but facilitated by Christian teachers in each school; this provides students with opportunities to develop their leadership skills while growing in their faith. They are also challenged to share their faith with their peers.

IS/IVCF is also having a 10th Anniversary Church Tour. We hope to visit as many churches as possible to thank our partners for supporting our non-profit ministry, spread awareness about our work to parents/guardians, and invite individuals to partner with us with their time, talent, and treasure.




Church Tour stop at the Savannah United Church

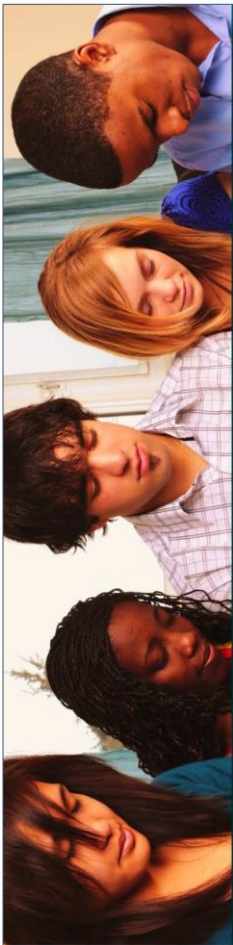
As a para-church organization, our vision is to see students transformed by the Gospel and then impact their schools, their churches, and their communities. Many students choose whether or not they attend a church regularly, but they spend several years in the schools, so we believe that our campuses provide one of the greatest platforms for ministry. The harvest is indeed ripe, and invitations are out for laborers. IS/IVCF will also have a 10th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at Ristorante Pappagallo. Tickets cost \$100 and can be purchased at the CIRMIC office.




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We will also host a Prayer Breakfast at the Cayman Prep and High School on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Please join us as we pray for the students and staff.







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During his visit to the CIRMC last week, the Moderator seized the opportunity to visit Cayman Prep and High School and teach the Year 11 students an Ethics class. The Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott challenged them to consider the ethical decisions they make in their lives and to ensure that their moral principles and actions align with God's will and intentions.





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