

Good morning & Happy Sensational Saturday,

Morning Thought:

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
And all I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

(Lyrics, Great is thy Faithfulness: by Thomas Obadiah Chisholm and William M. Runyan)

Anyone that knows me, will tell you that I love the lyrics and the history behind old classic hymns. Mainly because it increases and strengthens my faith. One of my favorite hymns is "Great is Thy Faithfulness," which was actually a poem, written by Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, who was inspired by Lamentations 3:22-23. He sent the words of his poem to his friend, William Runyan, and Runyan wrote the musical setting.

Chisholm suffered poor health most of his adult life and therefore had a smaller than average income. In spite of his physical and financial circumstances, he said, "God has given me many wonderful displays of his providing care, which have filled me with astonishing gratefulness." Hence, he wrote the poem, "Great is thy faithfulness." Even though he was plagued with poor health for most of his adult life, he lived to be 94, and wrote over 1,200 poems. *Great is the faithfulness of our God.*"

When I hear stories like this, it causes me to lift my hands and say "Thank you Lord." I tend to stay more focused on what is important; and I am more inclined to "swat less at

mosquitoes." "Why am I sharing all of this...I don't really know."  But let's stay focused on what is important today; our victorious journey. Let us focus on the fact, that our God's Hand will provide all that we need, for *"Great is His faithfulness."* *Be blessed today!*

Attached, please find our Day-8 Reflection.



Pray for me, as I pray for you

Thirty Day Journey

Day 8

Verse of the Day:

“Now Faith is confidence in what we hope and assurance about what we do not see. Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.” (Hebrews 11:1, 12:1-2 NIV)

Reflection:

Consider your faith—it’s always changing, always growing, always being challenged. Sometimes you step back; but you know *faith* is a lifelong race. (Rick Warren, The Daniel Plan)

Faith is visualizing the future in advance. It is seeing the future in the present. Every great achievement began when somebody saw it in advance. I like the King James version of Hebrews 12:1-2, when it says, “...***Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...*** also be reminded of what Jeremiah 29:11 says:

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not evil, to give you and expected end”

Now take a moment, and by *faith*, take a good look at yourself. Remember, *Faith*, is visualizing the future in advance. See your *expected end*, through your *faith* that is being *authored by Jesus* Himself. See your future self, 22 days from now, at the end of this 30-Day Journey, ***VICTORIOUS!***

Prayer:

Father, as we continue this 30-Day Journey, we pray that by Faith, we will be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the things that You have called us to do. Let us run this race with perseverance, and with our eyes focused on you. You are the author and the Finisher of our Faith; and You are the Author and Finisher of our success, as we continue our pursuit of wholeness; and a life that brings You Glory; spirit, mind, body, and soul. In Jesus Name, Amen.

