

# 7 Rs for when you are in a drought:

## **1. Realize that droughts happen. Valleys happen. Dry times happen. Persevere!**

Lk 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,

Matt 17:2 And [Jesus] was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Matt 17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

Ezekiel 37:4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.'  
37:10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

## **2. Rely on Jesus. (actively depend on, expect, look to, trust in)**

Heb 7:25 Therefore He (Jesus) is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

John 17:19 For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;

Php 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

1Th 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

## **3. Remove the Idols. (gutter or gourmet, penthouse or Picasso, good works or bad)**

Ps 96:5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Ps135:15-17 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

## **4. Remember who our God is and what He has done in your life. (Lived Amazed)**

Gen 1:1, 6, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26 And God said ..... Heb 1:3 And He .... and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Isa 6:5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Psalms 40:1-2 I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

## **5. Rejoice in conviction. (this is not condemnation)**

Proverbs 3:12 For whom the Lord loves He reproves, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

Psalms 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

## **6. Recite God's Word. (Say, agree with what God says)**

John 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

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## **7. Rest in Christ (in His completed work).**

Mt 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Gen 2:9 & Rev 2:7 - Tree of Life, Mat 26:26 - Take eat, this is my body

Ps 107:8-9 Let them give thanks to the Lord for His loving kindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

Heb 4:9-11 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience (trusting in their own works and plans).

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I am saved by Jesus Christ and His Spirit dwells within me constantly conforming me to His image, and I am thankful for it. Because of what Jesus Christ has done for me, I am a child of the living God. God Himself has declared me acceptable.

Because of the completed work of Jesus Christ, I live in a state of grace. God looks upon me with unmerited favor. Because of Jesus, I am an inheritor of all the promises given to Abraham.

I am the head and not the tail.

I am blessed coming in, I am blessed going out.

I am blessed in the city and I am blessed in the country.

Because Jesus is my Lord, what He sets my hand to, it will prosper.

Because of Christ in me, I am not afraid.

God has become my refuge, my strong tower.

I will not fear the terror of night nor the arrow that flies by day.

I will not fear the pestilence that stalks in darkness

nor the destruction that lays waste at noon.

I will not be afraid of 10,000 people that surround me

because God has become my shield.

He has hemmed me in, both front and back.

I have a peace that the world cannot understand.

Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, the law that says, "if you sin, you will die", no longer applies to me.

Because of Jesus Christ's life in me, my God has given me the helmet of salvation, He has given me the breast plate of righteousness, a shield of faith and His very word for a weapon. I am girded with truth and shod with the gospel.

Because God has given me the righteousness of Jesus,

No weapon the enemy has formed will prosper against me.

My enemies will come at me one way, and run from me seven ways. I will stand still and see my salvation.

Because of Jesus Christ, I will cry to my God and He will hear me. He will answer me in my time of need.

Because of Christ in Me and His Lordship over me, I am able to love those that hate me and I can be kind to those that are unkind to me. I can and will forgive others.

Because of His faithfulness, He will give me the strength and the gifts to do any work He calls me to do.

Because His Spirit lives within me, God Himself helps me to understand His Word. If I will diligently seek for God, He will reveal Himself to me and tell me wonderful things.

Because of Jesus' work for me and in me, He is not ashamed to call me one of His own. Because of His love no matter what happens in this world, no matter what I see or others say, I know I am someone of great value.

Because of Jesus Christ, I will dwell in everlasting fellowship with my God.