

ENOUGH!

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My dear Sisters,

While I would consider anyone who actually knelt to pray for **HARDSHIP** or **ADVERSITY** in their lives a little more than bizarre, I couldn't possibly be blind to the fact that there are some lessons that can **only** be learned, and some things that can **only** be appreciated through these 2 things we all constantly strive to avoid! In a world where the False Doctrine which teaches that HEALTH, WEALTH, FAME and PROSPERITY are the obvious signs or indicators of a "BLESSED" life has taken root, it is hard to "sell" the notion that Hardship and Adversity have any advantages. The truth, however, is that they are both not just important, but **CRUCIAL** to our growth as Christians. If our professed goal is to "Seek to have a deeper, intimate relationship with Christ", it seems kind of obvious to me that we will have to not just know Him "up-up", but actually understand as much as can be understood about Him! Now here are just 10 of the things most of us claim we know about Him: He is a PROVIDER, HEALER, DELIVERER, SHEPHERD, SHELTER, REFUGE, GUIDE, SAVIOR, FRIEND, COMFORTER. In fact, we, as Sakerettes, have actually attested to all of this day in, day out, year in, year out through the thousands of songs we've sung on "Douala Tour" or Convention buses, in our showers, or on stages around the world!) However, what we often forget or fail to realize is that:

- If we never **LACK** anything, we cannot really understand the **PROVIDER** part of Him.
- If we are never **SICK** (in mind, soul or body), we just will not "get" the **HEALER** side of Him.
- If we are never **IN TROUBLE**, He couldn't possibly be our **DELIVERER** or **SAVIOR**.
- If the "geniuses" we are were never in any danger of getting **LOST**, we would question the need for a **SHEPHERD** or **GUIDE**.
- If we are never **UNDER ATTACK** at some point in our lives, we would never appreciate a **SHELTER** or **REFUGE**.
- If we never experience **LONELINESS, MARGINALIZATION, ISOLATION, BETRAYAL** or even **RACISM**, how would we know "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"? & finally,
- If we never experience **LOSS** – of a Friendship, a Job, a Marriage or a Loved One, how would we understand the **COMFORTER** He is?

My daughter and I, in our effort to make sure that the day doesn't come too soon when we cannot fit through our front door, decided to go walking this morning. Because we set out late, it was already quite hot by the time we had gone halfway around the neighborhood. Next thing I know, I hear this beautiful poetry for which a fitting title would be "**ODE TO AIRCONDITIONING**" coming out of her mouth!! Nothing like being out in the blazing, scorching sun to appreciate something that has become so basic that many of us take it for granted! What would being on vacation mean to me if I did not have a job that required that, by 8:45 a.m. every morning I be **ALREADY DONE** with 90 minutes of "dispensing" a lesson to 40 barely awake teens, half of whom never made it to their showers? Not much, if anything!

It is in light of all this that I have learned, over the years, to understand **the WISDOM OF PRAYING for ENOUGH and NOT for ABUNDANCE**. Here is a prayer that really sums it all up. It is a TOUGH one to pray for anyone, especially for one's children but then, so is any THY WILL BE DONE prayer, which is also a prayer our Father expects us to pray nonetheless!

Have a wonderful & thoughtful weekend!

Blessings,

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I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger...

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.