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“He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their chains in pieces.”

Psalm 107:14 (NKJV)

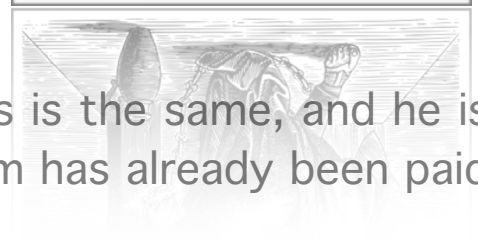
Thought for today...

Imagine being taken hostage and kept bound and gagged in a dark place. Imagine that the only thing your captor feeds you is a series of lies and words to wound your soul; words that speak of your worthlessness, words to convince you that you are not worth rescuing.

Such was my fate and yours, but God sent His only Son as the price for our ransom. He sent Jesus to the cross to die for our sins so that we could be set free from the chains that hold us in bondage.

Mark 10:45 tells us: “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (New Living Translation).

My chains may differ from yours, but the hostage-taker, the captor hiding in the shadows is the same, and he is hoping that we will not discover that our ransom has already been paid and that we are free to go!



The amazing thing is that Jesus agreed to pay the price for our ransom, even though He knew the awful things that you and I would say and do. The price that He paid was for those held captive in the near or distant past, and for those presently in captivity.

He was sent “to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;” (Isaiah 61:1).

Today, I am grateful that Jesus - the Light of the world - came into the dark prison that held me, cut the chains, loosed me and brought me out into the light. Peter the Apostle affirms: **“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”** 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV).

Maybe dark thoughts are holding you captive, or maybe you find yourself doing something over and over, despite telling yourself that this time will be the last; whatever prison is holding you captive today, Christ has the answer, because Christ ***is*** the answer, and He wants you to know:



“... if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” John 8:36 (New Living Translation).