



## Knee Deep in Slime!

### Devotion

*I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD (Psalm 40:1–3).*

We are facing some tough times that will require each Christian to use her/his God-given gifts to deal with “slime.” God gives us the opportunity to exercise our faith when we come face-to-face with tragedies such as pandemics, droughts, hurricanes, terrorism, wars, immigration issues, serious illnesses, etc. We are called to reach out to the hurting.

Let us take the gifts we have and share them with others. Be sympathetic and gracious to those who are suffering. Share with others the love we have because of the love our Lord and Savior showed for us on the cross. Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, is our Rock and Salvation to help us deal with all the slime we encounter here on earth. He lifts us out of the slimy pit. He is our massive Rock Foundation and the Chief Cornerstone on which our faith must be based.

There is a beautiful song based on Romans 8:29 written by Leila N. Morris in 1917 called “Conformed to the Image of His Son.” The song asks if our love and service for Christ rings true. Can the world see a likeness to Christ in us? It has been said that we may be the only Jesus some people will ever see.

God would have our daily actions toward one another reflect our faith. Ask yourself: Can the world see Jesus in me? Does my love for Jesus ring true? Can the world see Jesus through me? When the answer is no, because of my sin, I repent and clothe myself in the robe of Christ’s righteousness.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us resolve to make a determined commitment to demonstrate God’s love more effectively to someone in need each day. Reach for the opportunity to exercise your faith when you come face to face with your neighbor who is knee-deep in slime.

Tell that person about Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, the Rock and Salvation from all of the slime we encounter here on earth. He gives us a firm place to stand and puts a new song in our mouths. It is only through Him that we have eternal peace and rest.

*For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit (Ephesians 2:18–22).*

**Closing Prayer: Take My Life and Let it Be (LSB 783)**

1. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in endless praise.
  
2. Take my love; my Lord I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

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