

Sunday Morning Call – 12/19/21

I woke up from a dream a couple mornings ago – in the dream there was a line of common household items. I knew each item represented a letter of the alphabet. There was a person who would point at each item and when they did, I knew immediately which letter of the alphabet the item represented.

These are the letters that I identified as the person pointed to each item:

R – E – S – C – U – E – A – I – D – S – O – C – I – E – T – Y

RESCUE AID SOCIETY

As I woke up there was a song in my heart and I knew immediately to what the dream referred.

When my kids were little one of their favorite movies for a time was, “The Rescuers Down Under.” The song in my dream is from the movie (it is subtly played in “The Rescuers Down Under – a sequel to “The Rescuers” in which the song/lyrics are part of the movie’s soundtrack). It has been years since I have seen the movie, so I looked it up.

The basic synopsis of the movie is this: there’s a bad guy who wants to capture a very rare eagle and steal her eggs. He kidnaps a boy who knows the location of the eagle’s nest. The bad guy tricks and manipulates the boy into thinking the eagle has died and that they must save her eggs. The entire time the bad guy intends to feed the boy to the crocodiles after he is done using the boy to get what he wants; the eagle and her eggs. Meanwhile, there are hero-mice in an organization called RAS (Rescue Aid Society). They come to save the day. The Rescue Aid Society has an anthem.

Here are the lyrics to their song:

R-E-S-C-U-E; Rescue Aid Society; Heads held high, touch the sky; You mean everything to me.

In a fix, in a bind; Call on us anytime; We’ll appear from nowhere; Mighty are we.

R-E-S-C-U-E; Rescue Aid Society; Honesty, loyalty; We pledge to thee.

R-E-S-C-U-E; Rescue Aid Society; Heads held high, touch the sky; You mean everything to me.

In a Jam, in a scrape; And you think, “no escape”; Do not fear, we’ll be here; Courageous are we.

R-E-S-C-U-E; Rescue Aid Society; Head held high, touch the sky; Our hearts we pledge to thee.

Of course, the boy, the eagle and the eagle’s eggs are all saved by the least-likely hero-mice.

I see some parallels in this movie to our walk as Christians. We have an enemy who is ruthless and wants to lie and manipulate us into handing over those things that are precious to us and

to our King. The enemy wants to kill, steal, and destroy all things that belong to Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

In the movie the boy loves the eagle and her eggs, in other words her offspring. He wanted to protect them both.

Our most precious thing to protect for our King is the next generation - our offspring.

In the lyrics of their anthem, the rescuers declare their loyalty to their leader and to each other, to be available, honest, and courageous. They pledge their hearts to their cause.

The Rescuers Down Under is simply a cartoon. How much more should our attitude be like that of the hero-mice, toward the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and to each other. We must dedicate our lives to protect the next generation of believers and that which King Jesus wants to birth in and through us.

I believe the word "Rescue" is the main theme of the dream; it is defined as "to save someone from a dangerous or distressing situation; to keep from being lost or abandoned; to retrieve. This led me to the definition of "save" which means to keep safe; prevent from dying; to preserve a person's soul from damnation.

The members of the Rescue Aid Society pledge allegiance to their leader and promise to stay true to the cause of saving those in need.

God gave me two scriptures to go with this dream. The first one being Joshua 24 in which we are challenged to, "Choose this day whom you will serve...as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

The second scripture is Matthew 1:21 which is an amazingly wonderful and joyful proclamation to Joseph, "She (Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will **save/rescue** his people from their sins. The Hebrew name for Jesus is Yeshua, which literally means "The Lord Saves". Praise God!!!

I am a fan of Leonard Ravenhill. I found a quote that I think applies, as we pledge ourselves to the cause of Christ and reaching the next generation of believers, no matter what their age. The quote - "Christ cared enough for sinners to die for them. Do we care enough for sinners to live to reach them?"

Some Declarations:

Lord Jesus, our hearts we pledge to thee! We choose to serve you with all faithfulness by the power of your Holy Spirit living in us!

Father, thank you for your Son, Yeshua Hamashiach, whose Name means "SALVATION"!

Lord Jesus you are our Salvation. No one comes to the Father but through You! Glorify yourself in us and through us. Thank you for grace for us to not love our lives to the death. The power of Your Cross lives in us. We die to ourselves to live for You; to give our all for the cause of Christ!

Praise you, Jesus for saving us from our sins. Be honored and glorified in and through our lives.

May we live in total surrender and obedience to Jesus Christ! All glory and honor to Jesus Christ!!

Amen!