

“And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.” **Acts 3:9-10 NASB**

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Where are the April Showers?

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In East Texas it seems like we are in a very dry place without much rain. I keep hoping we will see a substantial rainfall to quench the parched ground's thirst. A storm came in on Sunday, but soon blew over without leaving much rain behind. I pondered if maybe that's how many in the Body of Christ are feeling lately. Are you thirsty? Are you in a dry place? Are you facing "giants" in your life which seem undefeatable? Are you backed into an emotional, physical or mental corner which offers no hope of deliverance?

I can honestly say I have been there within the past week. I didn't want to praise the Lord. I didn't want to thank Him in my trials and tribulations. I didn't want to choose to be a good steward of my time, resources, energy and relationships. However, in the Lord's infinite grace and mercy toward me, He brought me up from of the mire. I look back and wish I had chosen to praise Him on this side of the Red Sea. To praise Him BEFORE He delivered me.

Whatever you are facing – spiritual dryness, giants, short term trials, long term tribulations, severe persecutions, and on and on – please take a moment today to praise Him on this side of the Red Sea. God will not forsake you. God will meet your need. God will bring deliverance. I can write these words on the basis of God's Word as total Truth. He will make a way for you.

We celebrate Resurrection Sunday this month, and I look forward to that day of remembrance. However, let's rejoice in His resurrection power today without waiting for Easter Sunday to arrive! He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

With love and appreciation,

Paulette

May I take a quick moment to share briefly about a need we have this month? We are completely done with the translation of the workbook and leader guide for our third Romanian translated Bible study, Living Beyond Yourself by Beth Moore. In order to move forward with production, we need additional funding. We appreciate your prayers and financial support. Thank you for partnering with Beautiful Gate Translations to bring these Bible study materials to our Sisters in Christ abroad.

