

# FATHER, LEAD US

THOUGHTS FROM CAPTAIN NICHOLAS SAMUEL

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)**

We live to serve a Triune God: Three united as One. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Three are distinct in purpose but inseparable. All Three were present at creation, speaking and breathing this glorious world and its inhabitants into existence. All Three were present as civilization sought to understand its relationship with Yahweh, as arks and altars were built, and as the Israelites wandered and were called to be a light to the nations. All Three were present when the prophets spoke the word of God into the present and the future of God's beloved people. All Three were present when Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, and in the life of Jesus on this earth; in fact, all Three were present at the death and resurrection of that same Jesus, and at His ascension, then at great day of Pentecost, and every day since!

Our holy, Triune God is wholeness, and it's only when we acknowledge in our worship, our Bible study, our praying - and our whole everyday living - that we become whole in our desire to be holy. We seek to understand and experience more the grace and the mercy of Jesus, wanting it to be developed and evident in our character. We seek to understand and experience more the love of the Father, wanting to know and to be known, and to share that unconditional love with our fellow human beings. We seek to understand and experience more the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, wanting to be cleansed and anointed, and filled to wholeness so that we are fit for service.

*Father, lead us. Jesus, heal us. Holy Spirit, come, we pray.*

We trust and hope in the Father, confident that His way is best, and He will protect us all that way. We see the Christ who is our Saviour, and we ask for more of that resolve that we saw in His earthly days from conception to sacrifice, so that we, too, fulfill the holy task that is before us. We acknowledge the Holy Spirit in our present with and for each other, growing and strengthening relationships, and enjoying the uniqueness of every single one of God's holy-created human beings.

This is all part of our desire to see that every heart will acknowledge God as our holy Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, and that every knee will bow and every tongue confess, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus Christ is Lord!