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“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it” - (Proverbs 4:23)

The dry season here in Zim can be very harsh. This puts a strain on our water resources (most of which are pumped up from the ground), and many of us work hard at keeping our plants alive while we wait and pray for the rain showers. God graciously answered our prayers and the rains did come, even if this year's pattern was a bit different. We rejoice and still do, even as we enjoy our heavenly Father's provision. Since the rains began at the end of last year, we have been so busy that I (Dolly) have spent very little time in the garden, depending solely on the rains to keep my plants alive.



Recently, however, I observed that the leaves of my prized red Amaryllis were torn and yellowing, but did not stop long enough to investigate the cause. Today, I stopped and saw the result of my neglect! On close inspection, I noticed that worms had been attacking the heart of the plants.

As I pondered this, I saw a parallel with the believer's walk with the Lord. In times of need, we spend hours before His throne, making known our requests as He has asked us to. So often, however, after He has showered us with His abundance, we become careless and neglectful. Sin then easily enters our hearts, eating away at us as the worms that are destroying my lilies. May we all therefore “be sober, be vigilant” (1 Peter 5:8-9).

FEBRUARY RETREAT



After many months of study, heart preparation as well as logistical details, we thought we were well prepared and had taken all necessary steps to ensure the smooth running of the Retreat. But never had we faced as many obstacles as we did from the first day of the event. Yet, both during and after, attendees testified that though it was the most difficult, it was also the most soul-searching and meaningful, as it dug into some core issues. Sharing times went on way into the night and, unlike other Retreats, everyone seemed to have forgotten to take a photo! It was such a joy to listen to some of the interactions and to see heads bowed down in prayer in deep communion with our Father.

In a WhatsApp message on our group chat, one of the attendees wrote: “Good evening, fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope you are all well. Here, we are fine. We received some showers this evening after a very hot week. Praise the Lord. How is the valley life experience after the retreat of spiritual enlightenment? I urge you all to be so vigilant enough and not to go slump.” (English is not his first language).

Pray with us that the Lord would daily and progressively continue to work out His purposes in the lives of all of us, members of this group.