

Does anyone want to clean my dirty dishes?

When we were in Ukraine a house caught on fire and we had to help clean the salvageable things. The main thing that we cleaned were plates. When we first got them they were so black, we had to really work on the plates to get them clean because we realized they were white behind the multiple layers of dirt and ash.

While we were cleaning dishes in Ukraine God let me in on something really cool. He said "Haley I clean every sin just like you are cleaning these plates."

I loved this beautiful word that He gave me so I told my teammates; we had a little discussion about it but after a couple of days, I kinda forgot about it. Recently the word that the Lord said, came to my mind again and I have been processing it more.

On the race I have come to find out one of the many ways I serve others is by washing dishes. Don't tell my mom or dad I said this, its top secret. One of the rules we have is if you help cook a meal then you don't do the dishes. I think washing dishes is something easy to do and in return i'm helping my team. Sometimes I think I under estimate how much I wash the dishes because, I just keep on washing without knowing how many dishes I have cleaned. My teammates call me out all the time for this, and they make me stop because they don't want me to do everything, especially after I have helped make a meal for them.

Basically the Lord wants to clean us up just like we cleaned those ash dirt filled plates, right? As He is cleaning us, we tend to fight back because sometimes it can hurt, it takes too long, or even because we as humans want to do everything ourselves. Humans think that we don't need God for everything, but we do. I can't begin to tell you how many times I just forget about our holy Father during the day. We need Him not only for the big things like cleansing our bodies of sin but to do the small thing like waking up in the morning, breathing in air, and for me writing this blog. Abba isn't just a

father, He is a daddy that takes us in His arms and listens to us talk about everything. We need to let the Lord do his job. Yes, it might take time for us to process that thing we have been holding on to since childhood. Its ok to feel sadness and anger towards our past or even our present. Just remember that the Lord wants to help you through these things; He isn't going to leave you in the middle of it; just like we wouldn't put dirty plates back in the cupboard. He cleans the plates of our heart until He sees nothing but white. If you know you have some things that you need to be healed of and you want to be clean then I encourage you to say this prayer.

If you are feeling distant from the Lord and you want a fresh mind then I encourage you to say this prayer.

If you think that the Lord can't deal with your problems then I encourage you to say this prayer.

Prayer:

Lord I need you more than I will ever know. Help me in the times were I get easily distracted from getting to know you more. Remind me that your love goes deep and wide. I want to sit at your feet so we can talk about my troubles and so we can laugh at my dumb jokes; Lord I just want to enjoy your presence. Abba take me in, make yourself known help me with my insecurities and brokenness, I love you, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.