

Are you just mucking through it?

Please allow me the liberty of defining the word "mucking."

Mucking: To wallow through a situation without victory, merely to get through something, barely, without joy or a sense of accomplishment.

This is not the dictionary definition; actually "mucking" is British slang for damned! Oh my, please do not take offense and for the sake of this article let's go with my definition!

Mucking is a word many of us could use to describe our day to day life, but it shouldn't be, especially for a believer.

Recently I was listening to the woes of a close friend. I must admit I too was discouraged with the situation. In a lame attempt at bringing her encouragement I hugged her and said, "we will muck through this together." There it went, off my tongue. I then pondered it for the next several days, because it didn't "sit well" with my spirit. In hindsight I wouldn't expect it to "sit well" because it didn't line up with **The Spirit**. It wasn't truth. Let me explain...

Stay with me here a minute and let's explore this word and the connotation it implies. Mucking is also a word used to define the cleaning out of a horse stable. Please don't tell me you need me to get more graphic than that! I simply don't want to go there.

"Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters." Psalm 69:14 (NIV)

Mire is defined as an "area of wet, soggy, muddy ground; a bog. Deep slimy soil or mud. A disadvantageous or difficult condition or situation: *the mire of poverty.*"

Are you getting the correlation between muck and mire? They are very similar. It wouldn't be changing the truth of scripture to re-word Psalm 69:14 to "rescue me from the muck."

Can you see as Christians why we should never look at a situation and say, "I've just got to muck through this." We aren't muckers! We are over-comers! As I have

said before the victory was already signed, sealed and delivered by the death, burial and RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ...no mucking required!!!!

When this truth was firmly etched into my spirit I called my friend and asked for her forgiveness. Instead of me being real with her and admitting I too was struggling with the situation at hand; I had imposed an ungodly belief upon her with my comment. But, Praise God, He allows do overs! I then did what I should have done in the beginning...confess the struggle, proclaim the truth of God's Word and turn our focus to the One who has the answers. Romans 8:37 says, "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

What situation or obstacle are you currently facing? You have a choice to stand victorious in your bought and paid for new nature or to "muck" through it with an attitude of defeat and despair. Rather if it's your current financial situation, health, family struggles, addiction, loss of a loved one or any number of life's trials you too are more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus! Turn your eyes toward Jesus and give Him your burden. I guarantee the results will be far better than "mucking" through it would ever produce.

Lord, I confess there have been times when I haven't walked in the truth of Your Word. I receive the truth that I am more than a conqueror through the death, burial and resurrection of your precious son, Jesus. I turn my eyes upon Him the author and perfecter of my faith. Thank you for the many times you have corrected the error of my thinking. Thank you for the gift of your Spirit within me continually teaching me in Your perfect ways. In the future when I am going toward "mucking" through it, I trust in You to set my ways straight. Thank you Daddy for loving me unconditionally! It's in the name of Jesus I pray, Amen!

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