

Do Not Be Weary

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Prayer

Father in Jesus name, our Most Righteous Daddy in Heaven we bless Your holy name, Daddy be Thou exalted in Jesus name. In any way we have sinned against You, Father forgive us all our iniquities in Jesus name. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give us insight to His word in Jesus name. Father take absolute control in Jesus name, in Jesus mighty name we pray. Amen

Introduction

I am going to be admonishing us as brethren in Christ today. Just the way Apostle Paul admonished and encouraged the churches at some point in time during his time. I want to encourage us through the word today. It is not majorly a teaching but an admonishment through the word, God bless us.

Study

It is known that no matter how strong a person is spiritually, there is always a point in time where such a person feels down and weary. Sometimes, such a person gets tired of everything and just wishes to stop burning for God. This is why it's important we encourage ourselves in the Lord.

Isaiah 40:29-31:

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up

with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Looking at our key text, it makes us know that there is assurance that fainting and weakness will occur. The youths who are supposed to be strong, fervent and agile will also be weary and faint as this is normal for a human being to feel during his or her walk with Christ. But there is always a way out. This is why Christ in us, the hope of glory. The text stresses something even despite weakness and faintness. It stresses that one can still renew his strength on one condition, which is 'waiting upon the Lord'. At that point when a person feels downcast, weak, weary, tired and about to give up, if only such would wait on the lord, strength will be renewed. The reason many later give up is as a result of lack of patience and faith in God. They get tired waiting upon the Lord. This is why you would see someone who has faithfully served God for more than 30 years giving up and he/she dies after a few months of giving up on God.

What a pity!

Have you ever felt weak that you couldn't even study your Bible or pray as you used to? It's something that is bound to happen. But our approach towards it matters a lot as to whether we will stand or fall! The devil is so cunning that he is able to use your present situation to redefine your thinking. If you allow him, you will start thinking like a carnal man. If you look at Job's life, you would see that he would have been weak and faint at some point in time when he was being tempted. But, because he never fell for it, his latter was greater than the former. I want us to know that any difficult situation you are passing through presently is meant to bring you and usher you into a greater realm of glory, if your faith does not fail. It got to a point that David was greatly distressed because those he served spoke of stoning him. Imagine having the whole state speaking of stoning the

governor, such a person would feel so distressed and insecure but the only thing that could uphold David was his strength in the Lord. He encouraged himself in the Lord.

1 Samuel 30:6:

"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."

He did not wait for someone to tell him sweet words or change his mood, he did it through his faith in God. Times will come when nobody will be there to encourage you, even Job's wife didn't encourage him. If everybody fails you, there is one person apart from God that would not fail you. That person is YOURSELF! Why? You should have control over yourself. You are able to dictate what you do and control how your own self reacts to things. And, you can do this through encouraging yourself in the Lord. Most times, we allow ourselves to be down and carried away with the needs of this world. We become too engrossed that we place the source of our joy on those things which shouldn't be. We already have access to those things we are bothered about only if we follow the right way, Matthew 6:33 confirms this.

Matthew 6:33:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness and every other thing shall be added unto you"

If you keep complaining that those things are not forthcoming, it's because you are faster than God's time. You are calculating heavenly provisions using earthly time, which will never be accurate. Delay is not denial, the fact that something is delayed does not mean it won't come. God never makes a promise without fulfilling it. This is why He said that ***He honors His word more than His name***. So, even though His name is the greatest

and a name above every other name, He still honors His words above the powerful name.

As long as you are serving God faithfully, do not be weary and faint. Do not allow weariness to hinder you from doing what God expects you to do. Learn to know that whatsoever is your request from Him, He will do it at the best time because He always makes sure that He provides for His children what will not be a disaster to them.

As a student, if you are seeking admission into the university and it doesn't seem coming despite your efforts, know that there is a reason for such delay. Some went to school and got murdered in their final year in the university. And, if such had delayed a bit before going to the university, they might not have died. So, God knows what He is doing. Continue steadfastly in Him and keep praying that He intervenes in your situation. The right time will definitely come and you will know. No matter how much the devil tries, when God decides to bless or uplift a person no matter what, no devil can stop it. If you are a woman looking for a child, I wouldn't use the word "barren" for you because you are not! The only person barren in the bible was Michal, the wife of David who spoke against him when he danced to God.

God never made you barren, He said "be fruitful and multiply and replenish the whole Earth". Therefore, barrenness is not in your DNA at all. It is not just time yet. It could be that granting you a child now will make the child a vagabond and a thorn in your flesh in the nearest future. And, since God has seen this, He wouldn't allow that to happen. Stop making it look as though God has barren children on Earth. Many times, we kill ourselves faster than our problems kill us, how? Because of how we brood on things that have been settled already. Remember the story of Daniel and how the prince of Persia withstood the angel that was sent to answer Daniel's prayers for 21 days. If Daniel had started

brooding after praying for 10 days without seeing any positive thing, he might have died before the answer to his prayers came. Most times, we don't know what is going on in the realm of the Spirit and this makes us ignorant of what God is doing. I want us to know today that irrespective of what we are passing through, let's not be weary and faint. Let's look at ways to go over weariness and to be strong.

Ways to overcome weariness and keep standing:

1. Encourage yourself in the Lord:

As it has been said, you are the only surest person who can do this. People can fail you, even your closest ones. But God will never fail you. Encourage yourself in the Lord, be strong and of good courage. If you look at the first set of instructions God gave Joshua, be strong and be of good courage was part.

Joshua 1:8-9:

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Which means, being strong, having courage and trusting the Lord goes a very long way in standing strong. Whenever you feel down, just be strong and encourage yourself in the Lord and he will renew your strength! If at your workplace, some people are planning to implicate you because you are standing, do not fret! God sees everything. And, the way God works is so mysterious that even though they finally implicate you, the way everything

will turn around for your good will be so surprising. Never give in to their plot and never faint. God sees everything.

Let me use an illustration.

You built and molded a house and put baby toys inside. Wouldn't you be able to know how to control everything? Imagine the toys now wanting to dictate or rush you into doing something. Isn't that funny? That's how God sees everything from above, He knows everything we are doing and the reasons. When it is the appropriate time, He would repay definitely whether good or bad! Encourage yourself with the promises God has promised you. If you have not received direct messages from God, search His word! You will find His promises for your life inside it. There is no time to break down and feel so bad for what God has already settled.

2. Avoid the negative opinions of people:

Oh, my! There are some people whose mouths can murder a life. They have negative and discouraging words in their mouths that if you dwell on those words, you will never cease reacting badly. Avoid this kind of person and never let their words sink into you at all. They can make you think God is not faithful to you and that life is too hard for you. Move with people who will keep admonishing you and strengthening you in the Lord.

3. Pray about anything and pray about everything:

Never think anything is too small to tell God about. Whatsoever you pass through and any way you feel, spend time in your secret place speaking to God. He hears you and shares in your burdens too. The Holy Spirit comforts, therefore, in Him you will find comfort. Believe in God for your strength and anything you might be going through. And, one thing you should never forget is that His grace is sufficient for you. You have it in you already,

you just need to utilize it. Keep trusting God and obeying His instructions and everything will fall in place.

4. Discipline yourself:

Sometimes we don't feel like doing spiritual things. But we have to discipline and push ourselves. The fact that you don't feel like studying your Bible does not mean you should not study it. Force yourself and stay with it. Even if you don't feel like praying, still pray. All these help to build spiritual strength and make a person stronger. Lastly, it helps to continue in waiting upon the Lord.

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What does it mean to wait upon the lord?

Firstly, to wait means to look forward expectantly, to stay in place in expectation and a state or attitude of watchfulness and expectancy.

Which means when a person waits upon the Lord, such sustains an attitude of watchfulness and expectancy. Such a person looks forward in expectation to what God has in store.

This is why the bible says in,

Habakkuk 2:3:

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

Though it tarries, it will surely come when we wait. No matter what it is that you are expecting from God, when you wait for Him and keep expecting with all readiness, it will surely come. Waiting on God involves you having faith in what He told you He would do. Not losing focus and not wavering in faith, believing Him that the time He has set will surely come. When someone tells you to wait for him in a particular place and you know that he will definitely come to meet you there, what do you do? You wait! No matter how the person seems to linger, you still believe and wait. That's how we should believe that God will come to our aid when we keep waiting on Him.

How to wait upon the Lord:

1. **Be patient and ready to suffer long:** Lack of patience makes people unable to wait upon the Lord. Anyone who waits upon the Lord must be patient and ready to imbibe long suffering.
2. **Work as you wait:** As you plan waiting upon the Lord, keep doing what He told you to do, never be tired or weary. Don't just wait on Him for financial breakthrough without doing anything. Keep your hands busy with what He told you to do.
3. **Let your faith be strong:** Never stop believing that He will answer you. Our faith in God goes a long way in drawing His attention. A person who lacks faith and tries waiting on God will in no time stop waiting on Him.
4. **Be expectant:** Don't just wait, but have an expectant heart. A heart that expects something from Him. A lot of people go to churches today without an expectant heart which shouldn't be. There should be something you expect Him to do if you claim you are waiting on him.
5. **Build intimacy with Him:** For you to be able to wait on Him, build deep intimacy with the Holy Spirit. This will enable you to

get accurate and precise information often. You will also understand a lot and be strong in Him.

Conclusion

Therefore, brethren, please be encouraged and wait upon the Lord no matter what you are passing through. It's a matter of time, you will mount up with wings as eagles and your strength will be renewed. Blessed are ye!

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