

LOVE THE PROCESS

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Topic:

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Text: Matthew 13:5-6

Prayer

Let's pray. Our heavenly Father, the King of glory, we exalt You. We thank You for Your love and power. We thank You for Your greatness. Lord Jesus, as we go into Your Word now, teach us Yourself and expand our knowledge. In Jesus Christ's name we have prayed, Amen.

Bible Text: Matthew 13:5-6

"Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away."

Study

The book of Matthew 13 tells us of a parable that Jesus spoke to the people about a sower who went out to sow seeds. We are made to understand the different categories where the seeds fell and what happened to them. But a particular one that struck my heart so much is verses 5 and 6, which is our text. Some fell on stony places. It wasn't as if they didn't spring up — they did. But because they had no deepness of earth or root, when the sun came, they were scorched and withered away.

It shows a lot of meaning. It depicts a lot. Even though the seed didn't pass through the normal process of developing roots that many seeds go through, it still sprang up. But it withered away. In fact, it sprang up faster than the one which entered the earth

because it skipped the process of being deeply rooted just to spring forth quickly. It never knew trials and tribulations would come — which was the scorching of the sun. This made me realize that many of us are actually jumping the process God is trying to make us pass through. And if you jump a particular process, you may shine quickly, but when problems come, when trials arise, when tribulations beat upon you, there will be nothing to sustain you.

What is a process?

A process is to subject something to a special journey or treatment. Process enables things to be given special attention. It helps in the solidification of something. Process may take pain and time, but it is always worth it. When the process is skipped, the end result is always affected within a short while. For example, when a storey building is about to be built, during the decking of the storeys, a lot of concrete is used together with reinforcements. This is to ensure the building can withstand the pressure and force of another level upon it.

Just imagine that the decking is not done properly or not properly reinforced — the building can collapse because of the weight. Once the process of decking is faulty, it affects the longevity of the building. The same applies to the foundation of a building. It is always given optimum attention and the process is never skipped. When a building is to be constructed, they study the soil type to determine whether the place is suitable for such a structure. Any builder who ignores the soil type might end up seeing the building collapse — just like the person who built on sand and the one who built on rock as stated in the Bible. The former collapsed when the rains and winds blew against it, while the latter stood firm regardless of the storm. Why? The due process of identifying the soil and where to situate the building was followed.

Are you following?

Why do people jump the process?

1. To avoid paying the price

Most times, the process is the price to pay to get the prize. But some do not want to pay the price — they only want the prize. You will see secondary school students who do not read but want to pass. Because they did not study, they engage in examination malpractice. They skipped the process of reading — the price for the prize of success. They think jumping the process is wiser than following due process.

2. Process is hard and painful

The truth is, every process that leads to something great is hard and often painful. Some processes may require you to study your Bible for 6 hours daily. Is that easy for someone who has not been able to study for even 30 minutes? Some processes may require fasting for days, or waking up at midnight to pray till 4 a.m. It is not easy. Sometimes you may feel extremely tired, but it is the flesh resisting discipline.

To the seed, being buried under the soil may seem painful and slow. But skipping that process only leads to shallow roots and eventual destruction when trials come. Let's be truthful — process is hard, but the end is worth it. Gold undergoes intense heat before it becomes shiny and beautiful. Many desire the beauty of gold but not the fire it passed through. That is what happens when people see you doing great things for God. They envy the result but not the process.

Are you following?

3. Process takes time and consistency

In a world where people want to “blow” suddenly, many find it difficult to stay in the place of preparation. Some men of God fell because they did not complete the making process God put them through. They came out suddenly and burned out suddenly. Process involves consistency. When God created man, He did not command him to appear instantly as He did with other creatures. He took time to form man and breathe into him.

Genesis 2:7

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." If God could take time to form man, why do you think you will not go through a process?

4. Process involves staying in the place of learning

Process is a time to learn, relearn, and unlearn. The reason we have teachers, prophets, and pastors who are not sound today is because they skipped the learning process. They were carried away by their gifts and began to teach without being properly disciplined. If you refuse to complete your learning and rush out to teach others, you will pass on incomplete knowledge. An apprentice who refuses to learn properly under a master will eventually face problems bigger than him. But if he had stayed and learned well, he would have been prepared. Process is a time to stay humble and learn.

Are you with me?

5. Process is a time of forming

Just as it takes nine months for a baby to be formed in the womb, process forms a person. Imagine trying to give birth at three months — the baby would not survive. Even premature babies

still spend several months in the womb before birth. Many do not want to wait to be formed. So they come out not well-formed in character, power, administration, and other areas. Before Jesus sent His disciples out, He first taught and empowered them. He did not send them out half-baked.

Dangers of jumping the process

1. Being partially formed.
2. Being half-baked in knowledge.
3. Poor foundation and shallow roots.
4. Lack of solid knowledge of God.
5. Producing incomplete disciples.
6. Sudden disappearance and being easily forgotten.
7. Spiritual weakness and instability.
8. Weakness.
9. Destruction.
10. Poor guidance and direction.

These and many more are the dangers of jumping the process.

The Only Way to Endure the Process

The only way to follow the process and stick to it is by **loving the process**. When you love something, you do it joyfully. When you fall in love with the process — not just the end goal — you become consistent. You won't focus on how long it is taking because you are enjoying the journey. If you fall in love with studying, success will naturally follow. When God instructs you to pray, fast, or study, don't just fall in love with the outcome. Fall in love with the obedience. Fall in love with the discipline. Fall in love with the forming.

That is how to endure the process.

May the Lord grant you grace to follow due process and love it in Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Here we draw the curtains on today's teaching.

Do have a lovely day, brethren.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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