

Agree - Week 5

The Weight of the Wait

We have mistakenly trained ourselves to fear trials.

We run from what we fear—BUT God didn't create us to run.

1 Peter 4:12 (KJV)

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.

John 16:33 (NKJV)

In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

James 1:2-5 (NKJV)—The Weight of the Wait

1. My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

My brethren, let your awareness of God's grace, His love and concern for you be your leading thought and greatest influence when you find yourself totally surrounded by temptation, calamity and affliction

2. Knowing that the testing of your faith produces [a]patience.

Realizing that the process of the testing of your faith, brings about endurance and steadfastness (the ability to stay in the process—to see it through).

“Testing of your faith” is putting your faith to work.

“Putting your faith to work” is holding on to the Word of God THROUGH a situation.

“Holding on to the Word of God though a situation” means not letting go of what God said about your situation no matter what happens.

This process develops in you the ability to stand firm when the pressure is on.

The process shows you what is possible for the next time.

The reason your faith must be proven is not for God's sake—It's for your sake.

You need to see for yourself that God will do what He said He will do.

You need to experience victory first hand.

3. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be [b]perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

But let the process go through the necessary stages, let it come to completion, so that you reach your full capacity, your full strength, with nothing missing, leaving nothing behind nor falling short in any area

Don't let go of what God said about your situation.

Don't give in to the temptation to quit believing God.

Hold on and know YOU ARE GOING THROUGH.

If we don't see the process through, we never experience victory.

If we never experience victory, we never know who we are and what we can do through Christ.

If we don't know who we are and what we can do through Christ, we never change.

Genesis 15:1-6 (NKJV)

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 16:1-4 (NKJV)

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. 4 So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.

Genesis 16:12 (NKJV)

12 He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him, and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

We fall short of victory because we fall short on patience.

We fall short on patience because we need to see the end to believe the end.

If I can't see the end right now—I will make it happen myself.

If we don't hold on to the end, we will go through the same situation again and again.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to stand under the pressure, that you will be able to make it through.

To experience victory we've got to see it through ,and to see it through, we've got to hold on to what God said to do.

IT WILL LOOK IMPOSSIBLE, FEEL IMPOSSIBLE, IT WILL SEEM IMPOSSIBLE, but He who began a good work in you will be FAITHFUL to complete it.