

This is Your Moment-Make that last Push

If we've learned nothing else from this past election, we have certainly been given an up-close and personal view of what it is to persevere and reap the rewards of doing so. Anything worth having in life is worth fighting for, especially when you're expecting blessings of monumental proportions. If you are a seasoned or shall I say "veteran" Christian, you know exactly what the fight feels like and looks like. You know that you've got to bring your "A" game every day to win the race. Why is that do you wonder? Why is it that born again Christians have to fight so hard and seemingly so long for what they desire?

I believe it has everything to do with what God expects from us. He has given us the precious gift of his Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He paid the price for it all, so the fight is over, but there's another battle waging in our minds. That battle really starts to rumble when the fight spills over into our hearts. Victory is eminent for those who love the Lord, but not only is it achieved when we step into that place of God's overflow, but when we stand more strongly anchored in the spirit as well.

Have you ever been in a marathon or a relay race? If you have you understand that you must prepare yourself mentally as well as physically to be in shape to compete. It takes weeks, sometimes months to condition the body for such a task. Conditioning is the key! Life beckons us to constantly reprioritize and refocus, so that we keep our eyes on the mark. That mark is always two-fold. One aspect of it is spiritual growth, and the other is the blessings we so earnestly desire.

Galatians 6:9 says "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*" We have to cut out the shenanigans and realize what it takes to be triumphant. This verse tells us not to be weary in doing good things. Let's break that down a bit, shall we. Now some folks will fix their minds to think that God expects them to be constantly energized and to never get tired. That isn't exactly realistic.

Exodus 31:17 KJV

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, [for] a perpetual covenant. 17 It [is] a

sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

God commanded the Israelites to remember the Sabbath and observe to keep it as a day of rest. Doing so would be a lasting sign of the covenant He had with them, for He made heaven and earth in six days, and then rested on the seventh day and was refreshed. How about that! God says that He was “refreshed”. He gave His absolute all for us throughout the six days, but on that seventh day He took a chill pill to recalibrate. Of course God doesn’t need any recouping time, but He was showing us the principle and pattern that He Himself established. It is to rest so that we can be refreshed.

You see God knows that we will get tired, but He also expects that we will be strategic about how we rest so that we don’t get down-trodden and weary to the point of giving up or giving in. In order for you and me to be conditioned for victory we have to know that the race can potentially exhaust us if we are not careful. It can get us to the point where we don’t even think that what we were fighting for is worth it any more. That is one of the enemy’s biggest tricks. You are worth every good thing that you can possibly imagine, so never stop fighting to achieve it. We have to keep running and pushing ourselves to get to the finish line; not while we are gasping for air and about to tip over, but with confidence that we have an infinite source of strength through God.

Again, the victory is ours through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and we are well conditioned to run the race. Our spirit knows this, but sometimes our minds and hearts get the information a little late. Here, we can see the real benefit of rest. It is to take the time to pray, meditate, and clear our minds and hearts of all the turmoil and baggage, so that we can be refreshed by the Holy Spirit. Rest allows you to think and clean out the clutter to hear God’s directives and receive some well deserved spiritual nourishment.

This is your moment!!! There is no doubt about it. Your season is here and your harvest is ready to be reaped. It isn’t God’s will that you get to the finish line and collapse. You are to get there and have plenty of energy to leap for joy! Use your time wisely, rest, pray often, and stay conditioned. If you’ll do this—when the time comes you won’t be weary, but refreshed and more than able to seize your moment and make that last push over the finish line to victory.

Peace and Blessings,
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