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Promises and the Path

When we find ourselves in the middle of a battle, it's vital for us to look to the promises of God for our answers. In the Word of God, we can discover everything God has already done for us. We can also find that Jesus has paid the price in full for each of those promises. Promises of victory in healing, provision, salvation, family, overcoming sin, and even emotional battles are all in scripture. The power of knowing these promises is that it allows you to have full confidence that you are qualified through God for all of them, not because of your good works but because of Jesus!

God promises us in scripture that we are heirs of all that belongs to Him. *“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” Galatians 4:6-7.*

Within a battle, our first step is to place our heart and trust into these promises and God's deep desire for you to walk in them! Many times I've had to take my natural emotions and force them to submit to my spiritual man because these emotions were yelling at me that I was in the midst of defeat and nothing was going to change. My natural man would justify my impending doom by bringing all of the reasons God should disqualify me. My fleshly mind would bring to my attention every weakness, mistake, and failure of my past. Every bit of lack of character, my carnal mind would remind me of why I needed to quit trusting in God and His Word. “It may work for others” I would hear in my thoughts, “but you are not as good as they are, so you might as well know that God is not coming for you.”

I would need to take captive of each of those thoughts and cast them aside, and I would remind my flesh that God had already come for me in Jesus. Such great battles were waged between my inner man and outward flesh. On the outside, most people wouldn't know of the internal dialogue and fight happening. My spirit man fully embraced that my Heavenly Father was for me and not against me, and yet my flesh would not accept it. My flesh continually would try to convince me to stop believing in the impossible so that it could fix it in the natural. I've learned that we cannot get the impossible from the possible, and there are many moments that we must focus our heart and mind on God and not our circumstances.

When a young David came under attack from Saul, he turned to God alone as the answer, and he writes his heart in Psalm 57:1-3.

“To the Chief Musician. Set to “Do Not Destroy.” A Michtam of David when he fled from Saul into the cave.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
For my soul trusts in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge,
Until these calamities have passed by.
I will cry out to God Most High,
To God who performs all things for me.
He shall send from heaven and save me;
He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah

God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.”

There is another step for us that is very important, especially if we feel like our faith is not working. The second step on this walk is just as important as the first as is the third, fourth, fifth, and so on until the finish. Just as walking down any trail there is a beginning and an end, so we shouldn't be discouraged in the lack of victory today if we genuinely believe that the end of the trail is the fullness of God's promises. This is not a trail of us waiting on God but a trail of us growing in the knowledge of who God really is. This is knowledge gained from the Holy Spirit, so our natural mind doesn't understand the faith that is being established in our hearts. That's why many times our flesh acts like a little child on a trip, continually asking are we there yet. And let's make no mistake about it, the flesh's agenda is to get you to stop listening and trusting in God. The internal questions and cares are thoughts from this world and are powerless to gain you the true victory purchased by your Heavenly Father!

There must be a path to the fullness of God in our lives! It would seem unfair for God to hold up incredible blessings before me without providing an unbreakable pathway for us to embrace them. So many believers give up on expecting God's best, many gave up on believing with the miracle right around the bend, and they have accepted a lower standard of who God is.

Here are a few verses to meditate on if you find yourself discouraged while walking down the path of victory.

Deuteronomy 5:33 “Stay on the path that the LORD your God has commanded you to follow. Then you will live long and prosperous lives in the land you are about to enter and occupy.”

Proverbs 3:5-7 “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.”

Proverbs 4:25-27 “Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left;...”

Let's be faithful to His path. We have already won!

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