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Courage to Continue

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The Lion of the Tribe of Judah will NOT leave us.

Luke 4:43 NKJV

“43 but He [JESUS] said to them, *“I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.”*

Ephesians 6:10 KJV

“10 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*”

We are called to LIVE by DIVINE STRENGTH vs good ole ‘human effort’.

Blessed and empowered are those who overcome!

2 Peter 1:2 KJV

“¶ 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as **His divine power** hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the **divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

I Corinthians 16:13 NKJV

“13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

Philippians 4:13 NKJV

“13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Sharing in the Sufferings of Christ Jesus

I Peter 4:12-19 NIV

“12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” 19 So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

I Peter 5:1 NKJV

“1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:”

I Peter 5:10 NKJV

“10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.”

Romans 8:16-19 NKJV

“16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”

II Corinthians 1:3-11 NKJV

Comfort in Suffering

“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

Delivered from Suffering

8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in **God who raises the dead**, 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, 11 you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.”

Matthew 5:11-12; Acts 5:40-42; 16:22-34; Romans 5:3; II Cor. 4:17-18; II Cor. 12:9-10; James 1:2-3; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24-25; II Thess. 1:3-10; II Tim. 2:11-13; Rev. 1:9

Courage

- Mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/courage
- Determined, secure, brave, prevail, alert, strengthen, be firm, display strength, established, resolute, fortify. Strong's Concordance @ Courage & courageous.

II Timothy 2:1 NKJV

“1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

Deuteronomy 31:6 NKJV

“6 “Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

II Samuel 10:12 NKJV

“12 Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight.”

Psalms 27:14 NKJV

“14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

Psalms 31:24 NKJV

“24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD.”

Mark 15:43 NKJV

“43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, ***coming and taking courage***, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.”

“We live with PURPOSE and REFLECT SPIRITUAL MATURITY!”

Strengthening the Converts

Acts 14:22 NKJV

“22 ***strengthening the souls*** of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

Exercise Your Faith. Believe for MORE. Purpose FULL!

We, the body of Jesus Christ, are SPECIALISTS.

We have PURPOSE in this LIFE.

The PURPOSE OF GOD STANDS!

If you have destiny, you have purpose.

Purpose spurns from intimacy.

Those with Kingdom VISION have revelation of God's PURPOSES.

Purpose initiates IDENTITY.

We are the temple of Holy Spirit, and we are dedicated to HOST HIS PRESENCE.

Purpose is what we are dedicated to.

GOLD

The Lord's has said:

"Look for the gold."

"The gold is My Very Best. The gold is what you become as you seek My Glory."

"You shall see My glory and goodness revealed as never before."

"Look for the gold and allow His glory to have the dominion."

"Father, I ask for miracles to manifest DAILY in Jesus Mighty name."

Isaiah 14:24 ESV

"24 The LORD of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand,"