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## Resisting The Temptation To Quit #2

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We must be trained in how to overcome everything. Paul tells us that he has been trained because of the strength of Christ's explosive power and this power enables him and us to overcome any difficulty.

Phil 4:12-13 "I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty."

PASSION

The following is a continuation of the teaching given on July 8th. We were trained or taught how to resist the temptation to quit or just give up regardless of the road blocks that may be placed before us. We have learned that even if we have missed the mark in our past, that we still have been given the ability to continue forward because of Christ on the inside of us. There are times in life when it seems that everything is going fine, but there are situations which arise that we have not planned for which will cause us to have problems, regardless of what the situation may be we still don't have to quit or give up. Failure is not an option that we should even consider, Jesus came that we would be overcomers and when we understand this, we can begin to overcome the challenges in our lives. There is a concept taught that we won't have anything to overcome, because we will never miss the mark or make a mistake, but that is incorrect. Jesus came to help us overcome.

Micah 7:8-9 "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness." KJV

Micah is speaking prophetically that he will rise up again. He doesn't go around speaking that his life is over, but continues to speak the outcome. If we have ever missed the mark, then we must speak words of faith that our future is "we will get

up again". David spoke of his future in Psalms 51. By the words of their mouths, Micah and David were framing the outcome of their futures.

In the New Testament, Jesus is pleading our cause, He is our advocate before the Father. It is God who pronounces that we are righteous because of what Jesus has done. He did not spare Him, but freely gave that we might receive all things. He is not counting up all our mishaps and mistakes but forgives us freely. The adversary is the one who condemns and accuses us. Thank God for the blood of Jesus.

Rom 8:31-32 "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" KJV

Rom 8:31-32 "What then shall we say to [all] this? If God is for us, who [can be] against us? [Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?] 32 He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things?" AMP

What do we learn through our salvation experience? It is not just coming to Jesus and that we are forgiven but we must declare what Jesus has done for us and not just talk about our past, but talk about our future and the new life that is out there for us.

Rom 11:29 "For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call." AMP

Rom 11:29 "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance" KJV

Gods grace is available to us in order that we can live righteously, to carry out the plan and purpose that He has for us, He has never changed His mind about us. He has confidence in us, He will not take the call back, the gifts or the anointing that He has given to us, then why do we quit? It is usually a lack of knowledge, we don't know the word, we haven't been taught. We don't know that Gods grace is still available to us and we are probably still under the law and under condemnation, we don't understand the grace and love of God. Grace doesn't give us the right to sin, it gives us the power to overcome sin. Grace gives us power to walk in the love of God but many are convinced that God won't keep His word, causing them to quit.

David makes a statement in Psalms chapter 27 that he would have given up had he not expected to see the goodness of God.

What are we expecting in our lives? Maybe if we quit talking about our failures and talked about the resurrection life that is planned for us, because God is not done with us and He would empower us to climb the ladder again.

Luke 22:31-32 "Simon, Simon (Peter), listen! Satan has asked excessively that [all of] you be given up to him [out of the power and keeping of God], that he might sift [all of] you like grain, 32 But I have prayed especially for you [Peter], that your [own] faith may not fail; and when you yourself have turned again, strengthen and establish your brethren." AMP

Peter was a man of God who had many different encounters in life while being with Jesus, walked on the water, denied knowing Jesus, had little faith but yet Jesus had a plan in place for Peter, restoration for his life. God has a plan for each of us regardless of where we might be in our walk, there will be restoration in our lives, a coming back to the plan that God has for us. The enemy was wanting to separate Peter from Jesus, but restoration was being planned for Peter not separation. Jesus had spoken prophetically regarding Peter coming back and fulfilling the call on his life, his ministry to the Jewish people.

We learned in the earlier teaching about how Jonah had been rebellious in what the call was that God had for him, Jonah chose to go a different direction and ended up in the belly of a great fish, but after he had repented asking God to forgive him, God gave him another chance, God had prepared in advance a place for him, Jonah began to talk about the greatness of God, he refused to accept the place that he was in and consequently the fish put him back on dry ground. Jonah then did what he had been told to do originally and made the trip God had planned for him. In the midst of those circumstances, Jonah began to talk about Gods greatness, putting himself at the mercy of God.

God has already provided our second chances, He has declared favor on our life and He doesn't change His mind, He doesn't take back the gifts that He has for us. He is a God of grace and mercy. Don't be a quitter, read the 112th chapter of Psalms in different versions and see all the blessings that are in store for the believer and the goodness of God.

Don't fear about anything that you might hear, fear will try to immobilize you, causing you to have bad thoughts and a bad outcome of what lies ahead. Until fear is dealt with you won't be able to enjoy life. In the midst of adversity, our heart must be grounded and fixed in the word of God.

Psa 112:6-7 "Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." KJV

Paul tells us that Satan had hindered him or his road had been broken up when trying to go to the church in Thessalonica.

1 Thess 2:18 "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan \*hindered us." KJV

\*hinder means to break up the road that we are traveling, bump into us or break a stride or impede

Spiritually speaking our destination is heaven, but in the natural, sometimes the road we are traveling can be broken up by difficulties that come our way, but then we have a choice of whether we are going to get aggravated and just stop and quit or are we going to be patient and continue on our journey. We do let patience have our perfect work, but then when we are released to go through the difficulties, we go slower, we are cautious, alert and are watching in case something else might happen. It is the same way spiritually when we are rising up from a fall or a road broken up, sometimes we are placed on hold and a time that the spirit of God holds steady and lets patience have us so the spirit of God can open the door for us in order to make progress. In the natural, it will be at a slower pace, we are navigating a dangerous area, we will have opportunity to be accident prone. Spiritually, we are in a dangerous area and need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit when restoration is beginning to take place but if we will stay steady, we will come to our destination. We can become impatient, change our plans, turn around and not make our destination. If we look at the circumstances against us we will forget where we are going. God will always cause you to make spiritual progress on your high places of trouble and suffering.

Hab 3:1 "A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, set to wild, enthusiastic, and triumphal music." AMP

Music always plays a place, to get us into worship and praise.

Hab 3:17-19 "Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! 19 The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!" AMP

Habakkuk had been trained in the ways of the Lord and how to overcome, learning how to praise even in adversity, he doesn't talk about how bad things are, but begins to talk about his future. There is always a way out, the adversary will not be able to win.

Developing the force of patience in our lives will enable us to have confidence in the word of God or of God Himself. Most people have patience in relationship to weakness or just waiting. Patience is a powerful force when connected to faith, faith and patience together is extremely powerful.

Heb 10:35-36 "Cast not away therefore your **\*\*confidence**, which hath great recompense of reward. 36 For ye have need of **\*\*patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." KJV

**\*\* confidence** is related to endurance and patience means quality that does not surrender to circumstances nor trials and opposition, is always associated with hope and the opposite of discouragement

The power or force of patience working in our lives, enable us not to surrender to circumstances, nor give in to trial and dispondency and is connected to hope. Through faith in patience Abraham was able to inherit what God had promised him. If we are going to inherit the promises of God it will be through faith and patience that we inherit, patience by its self is a great waiter but a poor receiver. Example: the patience of Job. Faith is a great receiver, patience is a helper to faith believing that everything is going to be alright. Faith and patience know that we will receive when we allow them to work in our lives.

James 1:2-4 "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." KJV

Are we going to stay in faith, is our hearts fixed? Spending time in Gods word, learning to hear His voice will help us to learn that faith works patience. Read the following verses, meditate and trust God for what He is doing in your life. He is not done with you yet!!!

1 Peter 4:12-13 "Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner." MESSAGE

1 Peter 4:19 "So if you find life difficult because you're doing what God said, take it in stride. Trust him. He knows what he's doing, and he'll keep on doing it" MESSAGE