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Words of Encouragement

by Sonja Whitehouse

Psalms 27:14

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

I would like to have a refund on 2020. It came with a lot of promise but totally failed to deliver. We made plans and had so much to look forward to and were disappointed around every corner. In a post-Covid world it seems that living with restrictions and lost freedoms will be a part of life for the foreseeable future. Yet God is still in control. Covid-19 was no surprise to Him.

Maybe your studies impacted you last year. Maybe you lost your home or job, or your family's income has been affected. Maybe the emotional aftermath left you suffering from depression, anxiety, or fear, or made you struggle with anger and frustration.

I would like to encourage you with the following quote from the book Prophets and Kings, p. 386-387:

The faith that strengthened Habakkuk and all the holy and the just in those days of deep trial is the same faith that sustains God's people today.

In the darkest hours, under circumstances the most forbidding, the Christian believer may keep his soul stayed upon the source of all light and power. Day by day, through faith in God, his hope and courage may be renewed. "The just shall live by his faith."

In the service of God there need be no despondency, no wavering, no fear. The Lord will more than fulfil the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him. He will give them the wisdom their varied necessities demand.

Of the abundant provision made for every tempted soul, the apostle Paul bears eloquent testimony.

To him was given the divine assurance, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

In gratitude and confidence the tried servant of God responded: "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10.

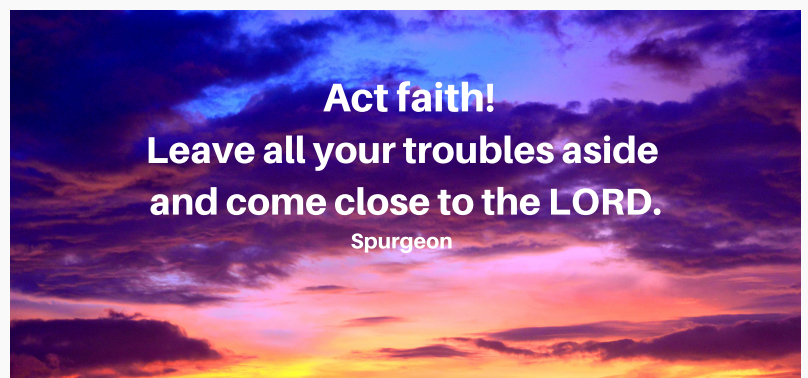
May you continue to 'wait on the Lord', even when things do not seem to get better. We have a sure word of prophecy to guide us through the days we live in.

I leave you with the lyrics of a song by the Steve Pettit Evangelistic team: (Listen to it here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5ny9nYUB3s>). (see page 3 for lyrics)

Remember Your Father- His promise, His love.

He will NEVER forsake you!

Much love,
Mrs. Whitehouse





Prayer

Not to pray because you do not feel fit to pray is like saying, "I will not take medicine because I am too ill"

Charles Spurgeon

- Pray for another Music Camp and the preparations of it.
- Prayer for a new venue for Maddison Missions as soon as possible. Pray for all the staff that they keep courage until the Lord opens the way.
- Pray that each music camp disciple makes a firm commitment to God.
- Please pray for the souls who have received the books distributed over the years that they begin reading them and find God's peace in this uncertain world.
- Pray for those recently baptised that they continue to grow in grace and do a mighty work for God.

Prayer Requests Welcome

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Prayer verses Pressure by Bethany Godfrey

As a young Christian, I have quickly come to realise there are powerful forces that are contending for the hearts of today's youth. The cultural expectations imposed upon us, including from family and friends, can be contrary to the calling of the Holy Spirit. The tension caused by these opposing pressures are a significant battle to face, and if not dealt with prayerfully can result in a divided heart.

When faced with spiritual conflicts, the scriptures admonish us to pray. Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." **Prayer is an indispensable weapon in this spiritual warfare.** It is through prayer that we seek God's guidance and wisdom, and it's through answered prayer that God reveals His will and blessing for us if we chose to give Him our undivided heart.

Having God's perspective on the decisions we make can not be underestimated as a motivating power.

King David had a very simple faith. Whenever he was faced with difficult decisions and was unsure what to do or which path to take, he would seek God in prayer. However, the blessing was in God's revealed will, armed with the knowledge of God's direction, David went from victory to victory.

One example was when David heard the Philistines were attacking the town of Keilah, David wanted to rescue the people from their enemy. (Remember David was well outnumbered by the Philistines. 400 vs several thousand) Not only did David have the odds against him in battle, but he also had to deal with conflicting pressures from within his own ranks. David was faced with real tension between God's will and the desires of his men. Continued page 4

Remember Your Father - His promise, His love:

O soul, are you weary from wave upon wave
Of grief and affliction whom no man can save?
Has sickness surrounded, or unending night?
Uncertainty stolen your joy and your might?

O doubting, o fearful- remember His care,
The helpless and hopeless need never despair
For from your afflictions His glory shall spring-
The deeper your sorrow, the louder you'll sing!
Remember Your Father- His promise, His love:
"I'll never forsake you, this pain will not break you,
For I will remake you for unending joy;
My promise is faithful though now it is painful;

No power can trample My covenant love."

Remember your Savior- His grief and His pain,
The lonely affliction, unmerited shame.
Though you had betrayed Him, He died in your place;
The joy set before Him He offers by grace.
Remember Your Father- His promise, His love:
"I'll never forsake you, this pain will not break you,
For I will remake you for unending joy;
My promise is faithful though now it is painful;
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Steve Pettit Evangelistic Team

A Promise 4 U



"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. "

Isaiah 40:29,30

**To trust God in the light is nothing,
but trust him in the dark -**

That is faith

Spurgeon

Have you spiritually fainted,
did the Lord renew your strength?

share a testimony ...
what God has done for you?

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**CHOOSE THE FAITH BOOK
NOT FACEBOOK**





**IF YOU'VE BEEN BAPTISED RECENTLY PLEASE SEND IN DETAILS AND A PIC.
IT WILL BE A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS.**

The bible says in 1 Samuel 23:2-5 "Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? 4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

"What would it have looked like if David yielded to the expectations of his men? Here we can see how, being armed with the knowledge of God's revealed will, David overcame the tensions and pressures that can lead to a divided heart.

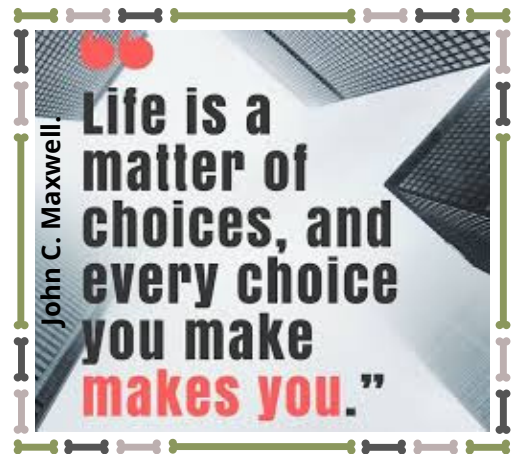
He gained a significant victory and saved the lives of many people.

This is the perfect example of what having a relationship with God should be like. God's ways are best, even if those around us think the opposite.

I can say from experience when friends have expectations that are contrary to the will of God, it's easy to try and compromise between both God's and our friend's expectations.

Whenever you feel the tension caused by these opposing pressures, remember that God will only reveal His blessings to us if we choose to follow Him with an undivided heart.

Proverbs 3:5-7 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." BHG



*Choose you
this day
whom you
will
serve ...*

*Joshua
24:15*

