

## Enduring Hardships... by Faith!

It seems that the common denominator in all “Christians” today who are not willing to go the whole mile for their Savior, are those who are afraid of losing their present levels of comfort in this wicked world. They therefore do not understand that our very Savior endured hardships that were far greater than anything most of us may ever face. We in America have had it pretty plush in recent centuries. Well, at least till this last generation again anyway, as it seems that because we are not willing to endure such hardships with our Savior, that the Father is about to give us all a chance to go through what the “comfort focused” fear the most: —A real test of faith.

Those in the plush and graciously adorned satanic churches of today (the 501c3 “state god” training centers) have never even experienced what it might be like to do without fabric softener sheets or car wax, let alone the essentials that many of us more serious believers have been already doing without, so they have a much harder time trying to convince themselves that they should be voluntarily reducing their luxuries in any way, in order to prepare for the rough times that they all, deep down, know in their hearts is about to come. In fact, they are stockpiling huge reserves of those very things that some of us never even have in our daily lives, themselves fearing that they will be suffering too badly without their morning espresso or their afternoon sauna break.

Or, they may not be so fortunate as that level, but they might instead be stockpiling MRE’s (military jargon for “Meals Ready to Eat”), and water jugs to the ceiling in their basements. There are those who are loading up for the “big fight”, and are surrounding themselves with armament fortifications that Oliver North would have been proud of.

But do they “get it”? There are also those who are afraid to simply understand that this is a spiritual war heading at us, and that the answer to one’s overall survival is not in preparing ourselves for the physical, but for the emotional struggle of maintaining our faith in Him who is angry with those who have little or no faith in Him.

The REAL battle therefore, is not in seeing how well we can out-fortify ourselves and surround ourselves with the protections and comforts of the world, but how well we can stand in faith WITHOUT them! So you see, ladies and gentlemen, the Father is sending His Son to find those who are willing to give their very last mite away if need be, in order to show that they have a heart that cares more for others than themselves for one, and that they have a faith that their absence of such stores of goods and armaments, will show their faith to the Nth degree.

In the story of the Widow’s mites (Mark 12:4 or Luke 21:2), we find that Yeshua praises the widow who “she of her penury (extreme poverty) hath cast in all the living that she had”, showing the disciples the true heart of those who trust in the kingdom [governance] of YHWH’s heaven.

This is like the analogy I give of the story of Peter walking to Yeshua on the water, where I’d first like to show the actual story as a refresher:

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

(Matthew 14:24-33)

Now, what if Peter, instead of just hopping out of the boat and right away trusting that he'd be able to walk to the Messiah, would have said, "Uh, okay, I'll be there in a minute, but let me go get my swim fins, snorkel, life preserver, goggles and my rubber duck, and *then* I'll have the faith to come to you on the water! DO you suppose that the attitude of the Messiah would have been the same with Peter in wanting to save him when he then got in trouble? Remember, the Messiah "immediately stretched forth his hand and caught him", and just by that very word "caught" alone, it implied that he was still in the process of going down, and perhaps had not even had much of his body under the water yet, where the Messiah was already there to "catch him". Yet even after Peter had proven himself to have had the faith and courage to simply do as he was told, the Messiah still said afterwards, "O thou of little faith". Why? Because he faltered, even if but for that moment.

Peter had completely and without hesitation just simply did exactly as the Messiah had told him to do, which was not unlike how Levi did similar by faith, where Levi "left all, rose up, and followed him". Levi and Peter understood the calling of faith. Peter had not hesitated for one moment. He even stepped out of the ship in windy conditions (meaning troublous times like ours), where although his initial faith was quick, he had that brief flash of second thoughts as even if but for a moment in that walk of true faith he faltered. If Yeshua called *that* "little faith", to have stepped out completely but not perfectly after the fact, then what would you think Yeshua would call someone today who is saying, I will step out some day, but let me go get a full time job, get my garden fully growing, my bank account ready for the huge withdrawal I'll need, let me get my car payment caught up, my house paid off, and, and, and.. Well? What do you suppose the Messiah would say to such a heart? Would he say, "oh ye of little faith"? or might he instead say, "depart from me, ye who work iniquity"?

My warning to all of you dear hearts out there is this: Yeshua is not going to catch those who are not stepping out of the boat BY FAITH.

Those who had to go get their swim fins and an inflatable two-man raft first, are going to likely be left to struggle through the storm with very little help, where they may even be found so faith *LESS*, that they may not even be found worthy of salvation at all. How much do we want to risk such a gamble? Remember, the Bible doesn't really endorse gambling very much either.

What if Levi, before he "left all, rose up and followed him", would have said, Gee Messiah, I'd love to come right now, but I had better let my bosses know that I will be leaving, and perhaps I should put in a two week notice, and maybe even get my cousin

Vinny to start training for them so they are not left without someone to take my place, and maybe I should help train Vinny for a while too. I certainly don't want them angry with me! How about if I try to catch up with you in the next town you go to or something, where you gonna be, say, oh, a month from now?"

What do you suppose Yeshua would have said to such a man? "Oh ye of little faith?" ...or do we think He may have more understandably said "Depart from me, ye who work iniquity!"?

Yeshua said, "but he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved", suggesting that we all give it our best to follow by faith, not by a trust in worldly provisions, comforts, and supports.

Paul said, For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.  
(Romans 8:14-18)

He did not say, "*if so be that we make sure that we're nice and comfy first*", but is that not what everyone seems to be doing? Is that the right biblical example of "making a decision to follow Christ" as the modern church always says it? No, we are to be willing to suffer whatever the Spirit of YHWH has prepared for us *as tests of our faith*, no matter WHAT that might bring, but that is, only if we are truly willing as Peter and Levi were, to just get off their rumps and walk as He walked, which would include of course, trusting in the Father for everything, including the very basics like our daily bread.

Some might say, "*But Christ wouldn't expect us to be fools and just throw away all that we have!*"

Yet isn't that sorta what Levi did?

What does the Bible say? Does it say we are saved by faith? Or does it say that we are saved by being meticulous warehousing professionals?

Okay, so maybe I'm getting a little facetious here, but what is the reality of what I just said? Are we saved by grace through faith? Or not?

There might then be those that would say, "But faith without works is dead, we need to work hard at providing for our families!" And yes, those are both true statements, but not if that "work" has you voluntarily helping to support the kingdom of the beast under its jurisdiction, so we're right back to square one. Who do we worship? Who do we "bow down to", and "Who are our 'bosses'?" Is YHWH and His Son our "bosses" or are the luciferians our "bosses"?

If we are working for the Father's glory, with not one single covenant to tie us to the beast we are doing well at the above retort, but if we are signed to them by even the

slightest way, even if just using paper “checks” that we must “sign” (affix our beast “mark” to), then we are yet in their jurisdiction.

So, will we endure hardships at the persecution of the beast authorities and sympathizers, because we can’t make economic transactions with as much ease as *the beast’s* disciples?

Yes, most likely. But that is Scriptural as well, is it not?

And he had power to ... cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.  
(Revelation 13:15-17)

And the reference above, “hand and forehead”, can easily also apply to:

- hand**: willfully (receiving) accepting an actual physical social security card in your hand,
- forehead**: willfully (receiving) accepting and/or willfully offering a social security number verbally, or in mentally entering it on a cyberspace beast document, etc.

A last-ditch effort for a fearful believer looking for a way to stall then might ask, “Well, then can I remain in their system for a while till I can get myself better prepared for such times?” But are we not back to square one again here as well?

The end times warnings are clear my friends, “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins (*or we might say: stop receiving help from or supporting that system that is oppressing your brothers and neighbors*), and that ye receive not of her plagues.”  
(Revelation 18:4)

Note that it does not say, step a little further away here and there, No, it clearly says simply to “come out”.

Will we have to endure hardships if we step completely out? I would say that those who have already stepped out by Faith... ARE suffering already, waiting for others to find the faith to do the same. And perhaps the slowpokes will suffer with us, but perhaps not if we all start stepping out at the same time, where they wont have anywhere near the number of people they’d need to process us all in their courts. And that’s even just a non-miraculous way to see how that could work. What about if we, in ALL stepping out, please the Father with some really great numbers of us, and He then steps in and fully covers us with His loving wings, as a mother hen protects her chicks? How’s that sound? So, what’s keeping you? Oh ye of little faith.

*With no other salutation but to say that we are saved by grace through faith,  
Yet faith without works (in this case stepping out of the boat) is dead, hmm?  
-dwaine*

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