THE WARFARE OF ENDURANCE

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Luke 22: 40-44

The warfare of endurance is one, if not thy hardest battle to go through. The warfare of endurance cannot be fought with words, an army or guns. There is only **ONE** way to win this type of warfare.

This type of warfare can only be won by the weapon of **ENDURANCE**. Endurance is waiting for the result when you have already done everything in your power. Enduring is waiting for the results **WHILE** being beaten for your efforts. Endurance is suffering **THROUGH** pain.

Patience is not the same as endurance. Patience is waiting without opposition. Endurance is waiting **IN THE MIDST** of opposition.

FAITH BEING TESTED

When you are under this type of warfare your faith is being tested. The faith to **BELIEVE** the promise God spoke over your life is being tested. The faith to **CONTINUE** on the course God has you on is being tested.

The faith to be **HUMBLE** in the midst of abuse is being tested. Endurance is very difficult to practice because it forces you to **WAIT FOR THE PROMISE WHILE BEING BEATEN IN THE PROCESS**.

WHO KNOWS BETTER?

There is no one who knows better than King Jesus. No one had to endure the pain that King Jesus went through. Remember in the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was praying so hard that His sweat turned into blood?

King Jesus did not want to die on the cross. However, the love for His Heavenly Father and His assignment meant more than His personal feelings. Luke 22:40-44 says, "When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray for strength against temptation." Then Jesus went about a stone's throw away from them. He kneeled down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take away this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want."

Then an angel from heaven appeared to him to strengthen him. Being full of pain, Jesus prayed even harder. His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."

King Jesus was beaten, spat on, tortured, disrespected and humiliated on the cross. He **ENDURED** the warfare of His assignment. There was not another way for humanity to be redeemed back to God. He had to go through this warfare in order to achieve the desired result.

There are some rewards and blessings you will **NOT** receive until you go through the **WARFARE OF ENDURANCE**. Every battle has a reward attached to it. The rewards and blessings that are attached to this type of warfare cannot be unlocked by prayer or fasting. You have to **PAY THE COST**.

THE COST

You may be thinking, what is the cost and how much is it? The cost is your pride and it will force you to absorb some battle scars, such as mental anguish, emotional strain, spiritual burn out and bodily fatigue. This is the cost King Jesus paid while going through this type of warfare. Remember, endurance is **WAITING** for the promise **WHILE** experiencing pain.

DON'T WORRY

The Lord will never lead you to a place where you will fail. You may get tired, upset, frustrated and disappointed. However, you will never fail. God never puts more on His people than they can bear.

If the Lord sanctioned this warfare you **WILL WIN**! Your challenge will be to keep the faith till the end. If you can keep the faith, you will win. If you can last till the end you will win.

This type of warfare is not won by who has the most talent, charisma, strength or speed. The person who wins in this type of warfare is the one who **SURVIVES** till the end.

Mathew 24:13 says,

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

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