

Pearls Along the Path Meditations

"Keep on Keeping On"

Matthew 17:4 (NLT) - Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If You want, I'll make three shelters as memorials - one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Each of us will find as we continue to journey through this life that there will be times of great triumphs and great trials. We all love those mountaintop times such as Peter, James and John experienced during the transfiguration of Jesus Christ (Matthew 17:1-9). When things are going well, we rejoice saying to ourselves, "If only this time would never end."

We have a propensity to see the best in people and events surrounding us. We have a tendency to be more giving, loving, patient and agreeable. If we are wise, we will learn to fully embrace these seasons in our lives for there will come a time when we'll need to reflect back and allow them to anchor us during those future times of challenge. God, in His graciousness, allows such triumphant periods in our lives knowing they will be the very fuel needed to enable us to "keep on keeping on."

Just as we experience mountaintop times, there will also be seasons of great trials. Crises come into our lives ... sometimes like a rushing wind and others like a dripping faucet, one right after another. Have you ever experienced such an overwhelming situation that immediately brought you to your knees? It could have been the loss of a much needed job; sudden illness or passing of a loved one; the discovery of drug/alcohol abuse with a child; unwanted divorce or even an unplanned pregnancy. In the midst of that trial, the Lord wants you to "keep on keeping on." You may say, "That's easier said than done!" Whatever the crisis is, it's not too great for our God! When we take our eyes off the magnitude of the trial and look to the One who is greater than any crisis, our perspective changes significantly and we can see more clearly that we truly can "keep on keeping on." Any challenge or trial filtered through the Word of God combined with unwavering faith transforms into a situation that can be overcome.



Are you at a crossroad right now? How can you "keep on keeping on?" The answer is in the powerful truth of God's Word. He reveals to us in the Holy Scriptures, "For God has said, I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." (Hebrews 13:5b); "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." (Galatians 6:9); "Seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." (Matthew 6:33); "Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11); and "So now I am giving you a new commandment. Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." (John 13:34). When we surround ourselves with such anointed promises, exercise our faith, continue in spirit-filled worship and praise, they become the catalyst to ignite the flame of unwavering trust and strong belief that we can "keep on keeping on." We must encourage ourselves to appropriate the peace of Jesus Christ, commit to continue on one accord, be steadfast in fervent prayer/fasting and expect the Lord to move favorably on our behalf. Finally, we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus Christ is soon to appear and there are yet those who have not heard the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Staying true to our divine purpose as Christians will ultimately result in countless souls won for Christ who will experience the "triumphant mountaintop" for eternity. Church Women United ... keep on keeping on!

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