

Be Strong in the Grace of Christ Jesus

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Here Paul was speaking to his son in the faith Timothy, and he told him thou therefore based on all things that you are passing through, that you ought to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. * God wants us this time to be strong in the grace of God. * Listen to me church, the grace of God is not to cover up our sins; is not to go along with our emotions; and not to go along with our plans. * No God had given us His grace to fight the good fight. * This time soon is the coming of the Lord and we need to be ready, therefore be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. * It is a big battle ahead of us. This is a famous saying of mine: ‘We have not yet started’; you understand? We are just at the brim; we are just one foot depth of water but ahead of us a river that we need to cross, a sea that we need to go on so that God would be glorified in our midst.

‘Holy Spirit come and fill your church, convict us with our sins, convict us with our worldliness Lord; our own will oh God. Have mercy on those who repented and deal with those who are not willing to give up their own ways, in the name of Jesus, Amen.’

Listen to this *“2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2 KJV)* What are the first commission that Paul gave to Timothy, and the commission that gave to me and to you? Listen, you need to be teachers of the Word of God. He told him be strong that *“the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses”* He told him, he reminded him that the teaching was from him, ‘This teaching Timothy when you heard it, you were not alone. There were other witnesses.’ What does it mean? It means other people and not only you are following this teaching. So if you are not following this is your disgrace. He was telling him that this teaching cannot be changed. * Listen to me church, my family, friends; that I love you and you love me. Listen to me, The Word of God is above all. I cannot compromise, or break the Word of God, to please anyone, * I had said it clearly all the teaching that was published; if there is any changes, I’ll be the one to say sorry, I have done wrong things that’s not correct but since you receive it, that is the teaching, if you will not obey that is your disgrace; that is your sin, and compromises, but for me I have done my part very well. * The teaching that you received among many witnesses, others they are following; others they heard what I said; others they know how I am living, so if you are doing or living the opposite that is not my approval. That is your own wrong doing and you will bear it. He said to him, *“thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” “the same commit thou to faithful men”* What does it mean *“the same”*? Did he say change it little? Did he say adjust about it if you don’t like it? Did he say you just erase it? No! The same you Timothy you need to be bound with and entrust to faithful people.

* You know somebody asked me few months ago. Listen to this, this is real story. Dr Ramiz what you asked God for, what is your longing? You know what is my longing my Brothers and Sisters in Christ my longing is I want faithful people. * Faithful people they will get the Word of God, they bear it, and they persevere with it, no compromises, no worldliness, and keep it even on their dead bodies.

The Word of God we cannot break it to please people; we cannot change it to make people happy with us. You know Jesus said, *“I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” (John 17:14 KJV)* The same commit to faithful people. * We need to find, persevere to look and find faithful people; it is hard to find now a days but still we need to look, not to give up, no other way, and we need the grace of God to find faithful people. * Not compromising people, not beneficial people, not joyful people, not people to help us. No. We need to look for faithful people and give the teaching that God entrusted to us, and who are able to teach others also the Word of God that should be imparted to the next generation. From Paul to Timothy, from Timothy to faithful people, and from faithful people to others. Four generations; that is the teaching from me. to Timothy, and move to the faithful people who are able to entrust to others.

* Be strong in the grace of the Lord Jesus to be a teacher. * How to be a good teacher? What is our curriculum? To read the Bible from cover to cover, rightly dividing the Word of God, no worldliness, no compromises, continue to search, to seek His face so that we receive the teaching. * We need the Holy Spirit. The last two days I am fasting, my prayer is Lord you move, I don’t I like to move ahead of you, Lord you move, change people, change circumstances, Lord move this is my prayer.

“3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” (2 Timothy 2:3-4 KJV) Soldier who endure hardship, *“thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”* How you know the soldiers? How you know that this man is soldier? By their uniforms; any country they tell you that is the soldier; you know them of what they wear of uniform of the soldiers. * The message of the uniform is this: *‘I am a soldier’*. I am not busy with other things, don’t call me for worldliness, for parties; for business; entertainment. I am a soldier, I have responsibility to fight the good fight to defend the country. That is the soldier. From their uniform they set apart from the world. * Holy unto God, Nazarites long hair, no drinking wine, not busy bodies, no worldliness, no facebook, no friends, no makeup, and all the other none sense no more.

Soldier, *“4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” (2 Timothy 2:4 KJV)* Up to the point Jesus said, *“Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:60 KJV)* Even somebody near to you die, Jesus said, since you are a soldier if you cannot make it there you are a soldier. *“Let the dead bury their dead”*; we don’t have excuses this day when Jesus will come you will see, how He will sift the church; this is how many will be left behind; shame on our faces, worldliness; stop civilian affairs, stop going with your feelings and emotions, plans, and entertainment; this is the will of God. He said, *“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life”*; no involvement that pull you away from the Christ, *“that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a*

soldier.” Who choose you to be a soldier? Not me, God chose you. Fight with a good fight till the end, not to surrender. Now a day what are the Christians doing? They are surrendering to devil; women, men, drinking, friends, worldliness, idols, and worldly celebrations. We surrender? No, we fight until the end the good fight so that we receive the crown that God promised to those who are waiting for Him; the crown of righteousness.

Soldier is hard life, trained, whatever there he eats, no parties, no entertainment, away from comfort zone, away from families.

“5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.”(2 Timothy 2:5 KJV) Third job is athlete. **Be like athlete; you compete lawfully, serve God according to His law.**

We need to obey the rules. There are rules to follow as disciples. Now the church full of people; they bring boyfriend, girlfriend, birthday parties, money and business communities, they will do all the worldliness just to bring people to the church to become big. *** That is not lawful way of serving God. That is worldliness, get together parties, compromises, flatteries; they don’t speak the truth. * Which time you will speak the truth? Until the Lord will come? And all of you will be left behind? He said to him, “except he strive lawfully.” * You will not receive the crown of righteousness if you will compromise. * Yes people does not like, get upset, react but I don’t have other than the Word of God. Listen, this is church, not school, not restaurant, not clinic, not bank, it is church. I may do all these services but the Word of God is above all. I strive lawfully. * When I see myself out of the Scripture. I repent and come back to God. You have to put yourself at and between the Word of God. You cannot go outside. That is how to strive lawfully.**

Forth job, is husbandmen, first partaker of the fruits. **“6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.” (2 Timothy 2:6 KJV)** Farmer is having hard life. Why use farmer here? When they will farm they will put seed. The seed is their capital. Their seed is from the previous year, they prepare the ground, plow it, put seed, hoping for the rain to come. It is hard life; all their capital is under the ground. *** The same for us, listen to me. We put our life in Christ. All for Christ. When God called me, give up this, and this and this I gave up which was my capital. My capital became Christ. * Our life we sow it for Christ. What we gain here on earth? We gain nothing. I tell you He may bless us material things, He may not, He may give us spiritual gifts, He may not, but our capital, our harvest is Christ Himself. The Farmer is the one who enjoy the harvest. * What the promise is here, when you labor, you will enjoy your harvest but we don’t know which time. Maybe until the time He will come, that is how we will see the harvest, we will enjoy in His presence to be with Him forever. * But as a farmer we put seed, yes all your life, all your finances, efforts, talents, future, plans, put it aside, bury it for the sake of Christ. Time will come we will have harvest and you are the one to receive it.**

So the grace of God we have it now to be four things; to be a

1. Teacher
2. Athlete
3. Soldier
4. Farmer

Farmer waiting for the rain; you sow your life and wait for the rain. Which time the rain will come? Lord, we pray. You know your prayer is asking alms. You know what alms means? Alms are begging God help, please Lord, move the Holy Spirit, oh God. You know if the Holy Spirit will not move, our efforts are useless. The farmer put the seed; you need to put your life for Christ.

My dear and beloved: Can you stand. Tell Him, “Lord I give my life to you’. Don’t be afraid to give your life to Christ. You want to reach Heaven? Give your life to God, get up form your place. Tell Him, ‘I give my life to you, I bury my life for you.’ Whatever God will give to you; He may give you a shower of rain, He may answer prayers, He may provide, but we are just farmers. We are farmers to the harvest, but I will tell you we may not eat the harvest on earth but we will enjoy it in Heaven. Are you willing to serve God? He died for us, He was crucified naked with all His pain for no sin but for my sins and your sins; and He gave His grace. How we will use His grace? To be a teacher of His Word, soldier to fight with a good fight, athlete to strive lawfully, to serve God in a right way and farmer who put all his capital under the ground, pleading for the mercy of God for the rain, for the blessing to come.

Paul said to Timothy, **“7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.” (2 Timothy 2:1-7 KJV)** Let us pray ...

My Prayer: *Father God in Heaven, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your clear word to me, and thank you for my life that you gave to me to use it to obey your commands and use it to do my ministry. Lord, thank you for all the rebukes and the admonitions that I received from the Scriptures.*

Confess and renounce now all your sins. Confess your worldliness, compromises, flatteries, non willingness to serve and suffer for Christ. Confess and renounce your yoke with many non believers and friends, and confess your wasting of time on the Media, TV, games and on News. Confess your lack of reading of God’s Word and your lack of prayers. Confess your non willingness to serve God as His Word teaches us and your non willingness to suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____

Lord I commit myself to the teaching and to the principles that I received in this message. Lord I commit myself to wait upon you and obey all what you said to do your will and your purpose in my life and in the life of the people around me and under my care. Lord I am willing to be a teacher of your Word, soldier to fight with a good fight, athlete to strive lawfully, to serve you in a right way, and farmer who put his all capital under the ground, pleading for the mercy of God. Lord here I am coming back to you, willing to serve you and doing your will, restore me to the good plan that you have for me.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and came back to you willing to do your will and the good plan that you have for them in their lives. Lord use them to be a good example in their places of work to preach the gospel of Jesus by words and by good works. Lord provide all their needs and sustain their income and give them good health and strength to continue to go and serve you and do the ministry that you entrusted to them.

Lord, as your church, we commit ourselves to implement this teaching that we received from you in the life of our members and workers. Lord we commit ourselves to admonish those lazy among us to go and work and earn their living and set good example to others. Lord we commit ourselves to go forward reaching new people and places with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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