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# Welcome to a newsletter that has you in mind!



"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising

the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Hebrews 12:1-3.

Welcome back to another exciting edition!

So far, we have discussed four things that **Real Players** do: 1) They realize that they have real fans, 2) They lay aside every weight, 3) They lay aside every sin that easily beset them, and 4) They run with patience the race set before them.

Now let's continue with some more very important things that real players do. **Real players look unto Jesus.** He is the head of the long train of faith heroes. He is the Author and Perfector of our faith. The beginning and the end. The Alpha and the Omega! The Leader and Source of our faith! The Finisher who brings our faith to maturity and perfection! Real players look to Jesus!

The Scripture says, "Who for the joy (of obtaining the prize) that was set before him endured the cross, despising (and ignoring) the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

The joy set before Him was the redemption of creation through doing the will of the Father. It's in the Book! Listen to what Psalms 40:6-8 declares: "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. (7) Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, (8) I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."

And the Hebrew writer declares it in Chapter 10:4-7. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. (5) Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he

saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: (6) In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. (7) Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

We should be running to do His will, looking to Jesus and being cheered on by a dense cloud of witnesses: Those who have gone on before us. Those who have fought the good fight of faith.

Let's look at another: **Real Players consider Him**. If we are going to be a real player, we have to observe and analyze every part of His life and conduct as well as His courage. We need to play by the rules!

The Bible says, "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

This is the problem with most folks today: They have become wearied in keeping the faith, so much so that they have fallen out of the race. They are no longer in the fight. They have turned their backs and ran! Why? Because they are no longer considering Him. They have forgotten what the Anointed Christ has done for them. My God!

Next month we'll illuminate **Verse 3** from the Greek perspective and continue with things that Real Players do. You don't want to miss it!

Bishop, Dr. Willie J. Moore

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#### Please call the Gardener! I Got Weeds!

Greetings, Everyone!

Earlier this year, San Diego had tropical storms and floods that devastated the roads and personal property. I noticed that from the rain, my grass was a luscious green with weeds. Yes, Sister Diana had weeds in the front and backyard. So, I called my gardener to clean my yard and eradicate the weeds. What are weeds? They are valueless plants growing wild, especially ones that grow on cultivated ground to the exclusion or injury of the desired crop. Looking at my worthless plants reminds me of the lies that Satan plants in our hearts, making us feel as useless as the plants growing wild in my yard. Guess what? You are not worthless; you are a child of God and are encouraged to pay attention to the weeds in your heart.

In Matt. 15:10-20, Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees and His disciples about what defiles a person. Christ said, "But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander." Matthew 15:18-19 (ESV). So, what are the evil thoughts that can strangle you spiritually like weeds? Paul answered that question in Colossians 3:8 (ESV), "But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth." Having these weeds in your heart will not only corrupt your mind, according to Titus 1:15. God may not listen to your prayers, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:12 (ESV).

God wants us to stop being strangled by bitterness that we may have against someone or the choices that we have made in our lives. I read somewhere that you will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated. Do not, I repeat, do not neglect God's progress in your life. When facing various trials and circumstances, discern God's intentions to purify you and build your character. God cannot build on resentment, envy, and rivalry. We are supposed to love one another, "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God." 1Peter 1:22-23 (ESV). As children of God, we must constantly prune our hearts through prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. Christ said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." John 15:1-2 (ESV).

Allow God to remove the strongholds and the bondages stopping you from serving Him. Isaiah 58:11 (*ESV*) says that, "The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." Imagine being a watered garden with no weeds. Remember, while the Holy Spirit is watering you, only God gives you spiritual growth, according to 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (*ESV*). God loves you and is waiting to grow a magnificent garden within you.

Blessings,

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"And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain."

1 Kings 18:41 (ESV)

#### When You Do Not See It Yet, Keep Going

How many times has God told you to go and do something, and it did not make sense to you at all?

How many times has He told you to step out of your comfort zone and do the project, write the book, create and build a craft, do the artwork, write the Word, deliver the sermon, pray for a stranger, pray for yourself or your family?

How many times has He told you to do something, and you question Him by saying, "Lord, I do not see it. I do not see the manifestation that You say is going to happen when I do this?" When God gives you a Word, even if it does not make sense, you do not see it, or are sure that the manifestation or prophecy given is going to happen, you remain strong in the Word of God. You stand strong on your faith; you believe without a shadow of doubt that what God says, it will be. We may not understand it and may be confused on what it is that God is telling us to do; however, He knows what is best for us.

He has already set the path for us, and all we need to do is just walk in the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Just like Elijah kept sending his servant Ahab back-and-forth to see if there was a cloud in the sky because God had told Elijah that there was going to be rain. Elijah believed what God had told him, even though they were in the middle of a famine and drought. When God says something is going to happen then you better believe it will happen.

We must be like Elijah and Ahab and keep going back-and-forth even when we are not seeing anything. A step further is doing like Elijah and being in right posture and coming into agreement with what God said He is going to do. We walk by faith and not by sight. On the seventh time Ahab went back, he saw a small cloud in the sky.

How many times do we have to keep going back-and-forth? We keep going because God has placed something inside of us to do and even when you do not see it or feel like doing it; you keep going. God has given it to you, and He would not have given it to you if He had not prepared you to use it.

Let your faith push you. Keep moving and keep pressing. Do not dare stop because this time it shall be.

In Jesus' Powerful Name. Amen. And It Is So!

Arkeshia Brown



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#### Gethsemane (Part 1) Prayer is Always in Order

For many, praying comes easy. What's tough is doing something after we pray. Taking action after you pray signifies that you believe in the prayer you just prayed. It tells God you trust Him. That's what Jesus did in Gethsemane.

Mark, Chapter 14, reveals that Jesus ate His "Last Supper" with His disciples and then led them to the Garden of Gethsemane. Gethsemane was a place of great importance to Jesus. It was a place He retreated for deep prayer and meditation, and the location where He spent the last night before His arrest and crucifixion. It was also near where He ascended to heaven according to the Book of Acts.

#### Gethsemane was a place:

- 1. Where you could go to recharge and rejuvenate
- 2. Where you could find peace and tranquility
- 3. Where you could take a time-out from the daily grind of life, and yes, even ministry

Gethsemane was somewhat like the Southwest Airline's slogan. Sometimes you just need to get away (and have a little talk with Jesus).

Jesus chose Gethsemane because He knew what was coming and needed some 1-on-1 time with His father. He knew that Calvary was nigh, and understood the horrendous path that led to Calvary. But in the midst of agony and praying for an alternative, through the pain and anguish, Jesus never lost sight of His purpose.

We are all battling with something. But it is imperative that we do not lose sight of the prize which is in Christ Jesus and our purpose. As Born Again Believers, we are prisoners and soldiers at the same time. We have an assignment from God to fulfill. In Mark 14: 32-36, Jesus teaches us two valuable lessons: 1) Prayer is always in order, and 2) God's will is greater than our desires.

To be an effective Born Again Christian you must have a PRAYER LIFE. You can tell a lot about a person by the way they pray (or lack thereof). Praying sincerely to God gave Jesus the strength to deal with what was coming. If you don't have a prayer life, you will not be able to adequately deal with what is coming. There is a storm out over the ocean and it's moving towards your house. Whether you decide to evacuate or stay and ride it out, make sure prayer is on your agenda. Luke 8:1, "And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 21:36, Jesus said "Watch ye therefore, and pray always..." 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

Prayer is the weapon of choice for Born Again Believers against the enemy. Prayer brings us closer to God. Prayer is the first step towards victory. Prayer brings comfort to those in sorrow. Prayer brings strength to the weak. Prayer sets the atmosphere and invites God into the situation. Prayer ushers in the presence and the peace of all mighty God. Prayer moves you from hurting to healing. Prayer shows the devil you mean busy. Prayer cultivates your relationship with God. Prayer demonstrates our obedience to the Word of God and our faith in the Lord. When "Prayer" goes up, blessings come down. When Jesus entered Gethsemane He was in AGONY, but when He finished praying, He went from AGONY TO VICTORY!

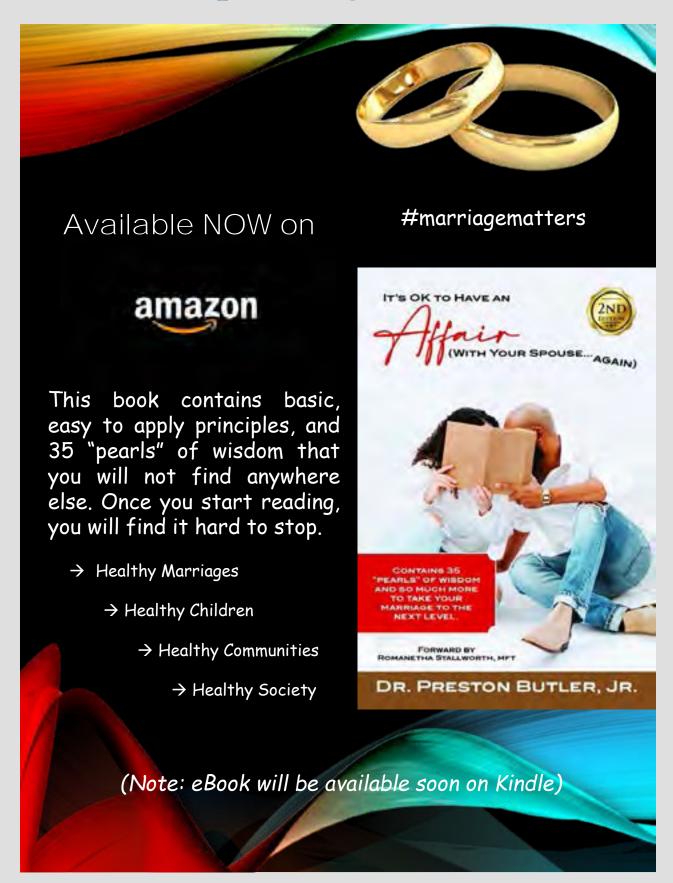
Prayer is so important that it is mentioned approximately 547 times in the King James Version of the Bible. James 5:16b, says, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man [and woman] availeth much." Isn't it amazing that Jesus, the Christ, showed us the undisputed value of prayer. Prayer is always in order! In Part 2 of this article, I will discuss the importance of taking action after you pray because prayer without "works" doesn't get you very far. Keep praying my friends...God hears you!

Dr. Preston Butler, Jr. CEO, PK3 Enterprise

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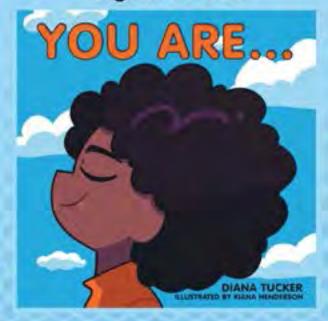
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