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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 filled with words of encouragement!

Last month we talked about the fact that Real Players consider Him, which was number six on our list of what Real Players do. As promised, we are going to understand Verse 3 from the Greek perspective. **“For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”**

The Word of God admonishes us to:

1. Consider Him – In other words: to think over, consider, and ponder just what the Lord has done for you. And if we take this seriously, then we will put forth greater efforts in running our race.
2. How He endured – How He patiently endured, how He abided and suffered just for you and me. He finished His race, remaining constant and steadfast to the very end.
3. What did He endure? The contradiction of sinners against Himself – In other words, our opposition and rebellion against God and His Word. **“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” Romans 7:24.**

4. Least ye be wearied (a warning to the believer) – Here it means to grow weary, or to be sick and feeble. This will happen if we are not thankful and constantly reminded of His love toward us.
5. The end state? We faint in our minds – The meaning here is to dissolve, to weaken, relax, or be tired out. In other words, we fall back and give up the race, allowing the devil to have the victory. God forbid!

This is why we make excuses because we don't consider Him. We don't put forth the effort because we don't consider Him. We are not the players we should be because we don't consider Him!

Luke 9:51 speaks loudly and profoundly of Jesus' commitment to carry out the will of the Father. Listen to what it says, **“And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.”**

We must consider this! Jesus was ready to accomplish His real mission on earth: Taste death for every man so that all men might be saved! My God! Are you ready to consider Him and give your all?

Next month we'll explore another important thing that Real Players do. Stay tuned!

Willie J. Moore

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Overt Operation: Code J.E.S.U.S.

Greetings, Everyone!

Growing up, I watched the television series, “MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE” with my family. This impactful action spy show was only on for an hour and a lot had happened during that hour. Four agents had assignments that needed to be flawless so that they could not expose themselves or the agency they worked for. Even though the agents encountered so many difficulties and challenges they never diverted from the task. Saints, if you compare the agent’s resolve to their assignment and our service to God is it the same or are we lacking? Something to think about.

If you are thinking about it, I would like to give you your first assignment as an operative of Christ: Live for Christ. Don’t worry, this article will not self-destruct. Before we get started, we need to understand the assignment. First, this is not a covert operation, you cannot be a hidden child of God. Christ said, **“But whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 10:33, ESV)**. We must live a life representing Christ and most importantly, being obedient.

In the book of Jonah, God called Jonah to talk to Nineveh about their sins (**Jonah 1:2**). He didn’t listen, went to Tarshish, got on a boat, his disobedience caused a storm, got thrown into the sea, was swallowed by a great fish, he prayed and repented, the great fish vomited him to dry land and he went to Nineveh and gave them God’s message (**Jonah chapters 1-3**). Jonah’s assignment would have been shortened if he just listened, right? No, Jonah knew one thing about God, he knew that God gives grace and mercy, by allowing him to live through a storm and to be swallowed by a great fish. From his experience with God, He knew that God forgives, but he didn’t want God to forgive them. God is compassionate towards us because He does not want us to perish in our sins, He wants us to repent (**2 Peter 3:9**). Nineveh repented for that moment (**Jonah 3:6-10**). However, a century and a half later, Nineveh got caught up again in their sins and God destroyed them (**Nahum Chapters 1-3**).

To be an operative of Christ, you have to understand that God is “slow to anger” (**Jonah 4:2**) and He is waiting for you to decide how you are truly going to live for Him and accept Christ as your Lord and Savior. **Acts 16:30-33 (ESV)** says, **“Then he brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”** And they said, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household. And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.”** God gave a nation over a century to get it right, so there were generations of families that may or may not have served God. Christ is telling us the same message.

If we say that we are children of God, let’s use this time to repent from our sins (**Acts 2:38**), share the gospel (**Mark 16:15**), build up the kingdom of God (**Matthew 28:19-20**), and pray for one another (**Ephesians 6:18**). This is your assignment from the Most High. You remember Christ chose you because He sees greatness within you (**John 15:16**). Even if you get discouraged or want to give up, God is there with you to continue to protect and guide you (**Romans 8:31**). Distractions and disruptions will not stop God (**Philippians 1:6**). Now that you have received your assignment and accepted it, welcome and may God continue to keep you and bless you. Next month, we will discuss our next assignment.

Blessings,

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“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Romans 10:9 (KJV)

Can You See It?

Close your eyes and imagine this scene.

There was a young woman who was selected by God to give birth to the Savior of this world. She did not know that she was special enough to be hand-selected by God to carry out such an enormous task. The only problem was she was set to marry a man who she had not been intimate with. To the surprise of the man, he finds out his wife-to-be is pregnant, and the child is surely not his.

Can you imagine his first instinct on finding this information out?

God had to send His angel to the man in a dream to let him know to still take the young woman as his wife because the child she is carrying is the Savior of the world Jesus Christ. The man listened and took the young woman as his wife and together they raised our Savior in this earthly world.

Keep your eyes closed and fast forward to the adult life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Imagine Jesus Christ has been tried for crimes He did not do. Imagine Him telling people He came to this world to save every one of us from our own sins that were killing us daily. Jesus is the reason we are saved through grace because we were still enemies of God. But His love is what made Him want to save people who were unsavable.

Can you see Jesus Christ being tried and convicted of made-up crimes supported with fabricated lies?

He is beaten. He is flogged. He is humiliated. He is spat on. He is stripped down. His skin is torn. His garments were gambled on. He endured it all without saying a mumbling word. He did it because He loved us so much that He did not want to see us suffer in eternal damnation.

He was given a cross to bear. The cross that we bear every day. He was hung high and stretched wide on a hill called Calvary. His blood was streaming down. He had a crown of thorns placed on His head. He was given vinegar to drink. His sides were pierced; blood and water came flowing from Him. Yet He stayed on that old, rugged cross for each one of us. He died the death on the cross that should have been us. He endured and suffered for us.

Now open your eyes.

Can you see everything Jesus did for us? If so, you should give Him praise and honor every day. You should tell our Heavenly Father a “Thank You and Hallelujah” because if it had not been for Him, who knows where we would be right now. There is no reason why we should not be acknowledging and thanking Him for everything He has done, is doing, and will do for us every minute of our lives.

I encourage you to let today be the day you give your life to God and allow Him to transform you to the person He designed you to be.

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Gethsemane (Part 1) Pray and Do Something

In **Mark 14**, while in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus teaches us that the will of God is more important than our will. This is a logical, and perhaps, a theological conclusion when we examine **Mark 14:36**, which says, “**And He [Jesus] said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.**” “Nevertheless” is a conjunction that is often used to introduce a contrasting idea or to emphasize a point.

The original Hebrew meaning is a ceasing, an end, a finality. In the New Testament Greek, in Luke’s writing, the word “nevertheless” is used “after negative sentences,” and “serves to mark a transition to something new.” All born again believers need to have a “nevertheless” in their soul. Here is how I define it.

Nevertheless, means everything I just said, is “less” important than what I am about to say.

Nevertheless, means I surrender and am about to pivot.

Nevertheless, moves me from where I am, to where God wants me to be.

Nevertheless, signifies I yield to the will of God.

Nevertheless, allows me to decrease and God to increase.

Nevertheless, allows me to say “YES” to the will of God, even when I want to say no.

Jesus taught us in the Garden of Gethsemane to have a “Nevertheless” mentality because God’s will is more important than our desires. We need to have a “NEVERTHELESS” in our spirit because NEVERTHELESS will propel and push us, so we can stay on the battlefield for the Lord. Someone said prayer is the key and faith unlocks the door. After the door is unlocked, the question is, “what do we do?” I suggest we take action...do something because faith without works in dead (**James 2:26**).

The scene in Gethsemane closes when Jesus tells His Disciples that Judas and the soldiers have arrived to arrest Him. Jesus had to leave Gethsemane because He had more work to do! He had an appointment with Pilate, the Governor of Rome. He had an appointment with a cross on Golgotha’s Hill. He had an appointment with a borrowed tomb, His DEATH and RESURRECTION.

Based on this account in **Mark 14**, it is clear that we all need a “Gethsemane,” a place where you can go and fervently cry out to God. But once we are done praying, just remember, there is still work to do. So, I conclude, we must Pray And Do Something (P.A.D.S). Each of us has a cross to bear. Like Jesus, we have a “DATE WITH DESTINY.”

When I was in the Army, I had a close friend who told me about a dream he had. He was sitting on a fence, and someone came by and asked him why he was sitting on the fence. His reply was, “I’m waiting on God.” Two more people came by and asked the same question, and he gave the same response. When the third person came by, again my friend said, “I’m waiting on God.” The passerby said, “God is waiting on you.” This dream was a turning point in my friend’s life and today he is pastoring a thriving congregation in Fayetteville, NC. How many times has God unctioed you to move and you just sat on the fence. Sometimes God wants us to get off the fence and take action.

We are on the battlefield for the Lord and soldiers make things happen. Not just Pastors...all soldiers. When you pray, don’t forget to do something that demonstrates you believe in what you just prayed. If you prayed for God to bless you with a house, go fill out the application for a home loan (unless you can pay cash). If you prayed for a new job, fill out the application for a new job. Do not allow the comfort of sitting on a fence and waiting on God to cause you to miss your blessing because the truth is if you miss your blessing, it very well may cause someone else to miss their blessing. We are blessed so we can be a blessing. When we pray and do something, it invites God to orchestrate things in our lives and propels us closer to our destiny. When we pray and do something, we show God we believe He heard us and that we trust Him.

So, when you are done praying, get up and do something.

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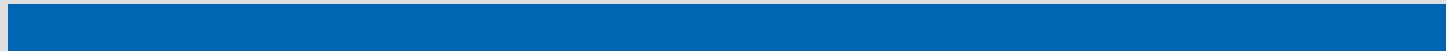
“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Mathew 6:34).

No greater truth has been told. For some reason we worry about everything. Most of what we worry about will never come to past. We act as though we have no God. As we move toward election day, we are even more troubled. May I suggest that we let God be God while we not allow our hearts to be trouble? After all, He is in control!

Again, our writers have created some real page turners for you. Aw-inspiring and life-changing! Evangelist Tucker-Black calls us to be overt and Live for Christ! Repent, be forgiven, and carry out your assignment! Sister Brown reminds us that Jesus was true to His mission, from start to finish. From the cradle to the cross! Now we need to open our eyes and see clearly what He has done for us and offer up praise and thanksgiving. Dr. Butler continues with *Gethsemane Part 2*, urging us to pray and do something! There is work to do. Prayer demands action! When we act, God directs. These articles are powerful, revealing, and encouraging! To God be the glory! Someone is waiting for you to share this good news!

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