

familiar friday - weary or not, here i come

"and let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." gal 6:9

are you growing weary yet? the word has warned us that "because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. matt 23:12

it's alright to get weary in our race. it is not alright to forfeit the race. yes, there will be times when the other side seems to be winning. it is precisely those times when we have to look beyond ourselves to the One who has already won the race. He has said, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 cor 12:9 believe me, the glory of God will be poured out in these latter days.

we do not give up. we give in. give into God and let Him have His perfect way. or, as a friend used to say, "let go and let God". can it be that we need to come to the end of ourselves to really see the glory of God manifested in us?

often as we go along in this battle, we tend to feel it is us "carrying the load". IT IS NOT! He has said, "I also say ... on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." matt 16:18 the "I" is not us but Him. "for You have also done all our works in us." isa 26:12

several years ago the Lord gave me a few verses that i would hum in my mind over and over. perhaps it should have been a song, but alas, in that i failed also. it

goes like this:

I'll be with you to keep you
in all that you must do.
and if you must go through this trial
I'll put new strength in you.
there remains a sabbath rest
that I will lead you to.
it's where all your works have ended
and My Spirit reigns in you.

sometimes we go through a trial because it is of our own making. He would not have led us there, but our flesh did. even in those times, He will be there to help pick up the pieces and turn it around for our good and His glory. that's His promise. "I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support." heb 13:5 ampc

it is always the "pressing" of thing that produce the greater value, be it olives, grapes or lives. we must willing submit to the pressing. we must willing submit to the firing which will bring forth the purest gold.

and so, "we are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." 2 cor 4:8-9

"therefore we do not lose heart. even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. for our light affliction, which is

but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 cor 4:16-18

i have quoted extensively from the bible today. the beauty and truth of the word of God expresses it better than i ever could. i can only add my hope that you will endure whatever may be "pressing" you. be it finances, health, persecutions, lost loved ones, whatever. our Lord is there for each of us.

"Father, give us eyes to see beyond to your intended purpose. all our trust, hope and faith is in You alone. 'as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.'" 2 cor 1:5 in the name of our Lord Jesus we pray.