



“I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord – be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart – wait I say, on the LORD.” Psalm 27:13 – 14

It takes courage and a certain fearlessness to believe God in the midst of the trials of life. When things are easy and when life is “good” it is not so much a matter of our faith not being exercised, but it is human nature to tend to coast rather than apply our faith in an active way. We are far more conscious of our need for faith as we face trials, but this shouldn’t be the norm. “The just shall live by faith” is not just advice for times of trials, but it is the cry of the Redeemed in day to day to day living.

During calm waters at sea, a large ship may cruise unimpeded with only a small portion of its full available power driving its propellers. Yet in the midst of a storm that same ship may find itself nearly dead in the water, its engines operating at full power attempting to maintain its position against the driving winds of the storm and swells of the sea! The Christian life is very similar. Our faith is active and fully alive in the midst of the storm.

Never lose heart! Be of good courage. Keep your eye fixed upon the Lord and His Word. Wait on His deliverance. Don’t look at the waves, they are temporary. See beyond the natural into the eternal – this is from where your help will arise! “And when Peter got out of the boat he walked upon the water, in order to get to Jesus. But when he saw the boisterous waves he was afraid; and he began to sink...” Peter was losing heart quickly. But in that trial he quickly refocused his faith upon the Lord Jesus and in so doing experienced a great victory! “Lord save me!” And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand, and caught Him.” (Matthew 14:29—31).

Refocus your faith! Set your eyes on Jesus! Trust in His Word. When you plant yourself firmly on God’s eternal Word, you’ll come through any and every storm, more than a conqueror! Continue believing! Continue trusting that you will see the deliverance, the provision, the blessing of God in the now – in the land of the living!

“LORD, lift me up from the pit of despair. Set my feet firmly on Your promises. I believe that I will live to see and experience, for myself, Your goodness! I expect it, I receive it, I thank You for it! In Jesus’ name!”

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