

Don't Accept It

Don't Act On It...

Don't Entertain It...

Definitely don't feed it...

You don't have to accept or finish what the flesh initiates.

You will need help.

We all do!

And we all need to start right...

How?

You and I Need a Game Changer...

I need a game-changer, from the right Difference Maker, if it's going to be a day changer to those who need a living word from my Difference Maker.

A game changer — in the hands of a difference maker — becomes a day changer — when the favor and blessings of the Difference Maker are transforming his servants to make a difference in the lives of others.

Let me explain...

I would love to give you a few passages of Scripture tucked away in the word that often go unnoticed — that can be a game changer in your life.

The start of each new day...

Psalm 143:6-8 (David understood that He needed a DAILY word from the Lord, and without it, he was as useless as a dead man upon the earth. He asked the Lord to speak to Him quickly/early, in the mornings, to clarify His heart to him and show him which way to go... see also Psalm 28:1.)

Isaiah 50:4-8 (This teaching in Isaiah is a specific reference to the daily life of Christ, who never did anything without hearing, and therefore, seeing His Father at work. The Father always took the lead and He followed in total trust... never afraid to go where He was taking Him to do and fulfill His will.)

Psalms 119:49-51 (David had a word that he was clinging to, even though he didn't see the word coming together, because he trusted Him who made the promise. He knew it was coming and it gave him hope & life.)

Romans 4:18-21 (Abraham was so captivated by God and captured by His commitment to him, that he never factored in his legitimate limitations... His and Sarah's age... He didn't consider it, or it never came to mind, because he was enraptured with the promise of God. When we keep factoring in our limitations to God's solutions for our lives, we're operating in unbelief and not hope... And always remember, everything in your life, as a new creature in Christ, is being used by the Father, everything, to make you more like Jesus. So the waiting is working something marvelous out of your life, and it's something good! Romans 8:28-29 ...these principles have been a big help to me, and I know they help and encourage you.

Isaiah says:

"O Lord, be gracious to us... we have waited for You. Be our arm (our strength and help and stability and guidance) every morning, our salvation (our defense, deliverance, and direction) also in the time of trouble" (Isaiah 33:2).

Yes Lord, extend Your grace to us.

Be our saving strength this morning — for today's journey and joy — and when troubles come, for we know they will come, our confidence rests in You. And, as sure as we will have to face more trouble with each passing day, we believe You're more faithful and reliable than the reality of all our future problems. Problems come and go... but Your presence and promises are steadfast and sure.

I love this prayer found in Isaiah 33:2. It reminds me so much of David's prayer in Psalm 143:6-8. David asked:

"ANSWER me quickly, O Lord; My spirit needs to hear from You! For I am dry and I have found myself in a dry and thirsty land. Please do not hide Your face from me — I desperately need You to water me, Father — if You don't speak to me, I will remain weak and utterly useless. We both know I'll be as useless as a dead man and no different than those who are already in the grave and of no value to You or the people I cross paths with upon this earth, without having a word of life from You.

I desire to be a useable vessel, that You can fill and refill, over and over again, so I can encourage and equip others. So CAUSE me to hear Your lovingkindness this morning, I need more than anything to know Your ways, for I place my trust in You; and CAUSE me to know the way in which I should walk, for my life is in Your hands" (Psalm 143:6-8).

Prayers like these are game-changers. Think about it. A game changer — in the hands of a difference maker — becomes a day changer — when the favor and blessings of our Difference Maker are transforming his servants to make a difference in the lives of others.

"He who says he abides in Him ought to walk just as He walked." 1 John 2:6

It would be best and prudent of us to start each day as He did... if we're to live as He lived.

His salvaging work in Christ not only makes us safe with God, in an unsafe world, but He makes us safe for His work and witness, as He sends us out into the darkness as His ambassador. It's not that we have to have it all together... we need Him to hold it all together through us. Now, we become unsafe when we do our thing without Him and His light.

The evidence of God's presence and Spirit abiding in and authenticating the life of a disciple of Jesus are NOT THE ABSENCE of bad thoughts, corrupt motives, manipulating feelings, or disgusting desires... NO! The battle going on within, over the war with them, is the manifestation of Someone and something in you greater than you and your flesh. The flesh introduces, initiates, and invites a bad work in your mind but by the Spirit, you don't have to feed, finish, or fulfill what the flesh starts (Galatians 5)

I have been saved from the penalty of sin. (The wages — the wages of sin is death and eternal separation from God.)

I am being saved from the power of sin. (The control of unbelief, pride, lawlessness, and unrighteousness.)

I am being saved from the purpose of sin. (The deception, delusion, and destruction that unbelief and pride create.)

I will be saved from the presence of sin. (When I'm forever in the presence of Redeemer with a new glorified body.)

Everyman's Battle — the Flesh

A never-ending fight — this side of heaven.

The flesh ever lives for itself and initiates every fight within.

The flesh initiates and instigates every sin.

The flesh feeds on a world system that doesn't factor God into its solutions for daily living. And it inherits no wisdom or insight from the kingdom of God, therefore, it cannot be trusted to help us in any way with kingdom minded thinking.

We, as the kingdom of the converted, do not have to finish or fulfill what our flesh initiates or instigates.

The insight from Paul in Galatians will help us with this victory that is always led by our Shepherd and King.

Learning how to NOT Finishing What The Flesh Initiates

Knowing how to war with each enemy we face is essential:

Mortify the flesh

Resist the devil

Hate the world

Let God's whistleblower (His peace) arbitrarily work in you... and may you seek and look to Jesus through everything.

We are different, therefore, we live differently in this world

Why?

Jesus is forever better!

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