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Romans 12:12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

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The most horrible word in many of our vocabularies
when directed at us is the big bad word.. Wait

But it is not necessarily a bad thing..

It can benefit us to do so and it can also cut out some
of the unpleasant consequences for us and those
around us and more if we are just patient, taking the
instructions of the Lord not trying to bring forth the
promises of God like Sarah did when we read from

Genesis chapter 16 and when we do not focus on what we are waiting for, getting upset and angry and wondering why what seems to be some of the most horrible and wicked people have what we do not appear to when deep down many of them are in turmoil, struggling to sleep at night and riddled with stress a troubled mind and painful anxieties.

In 1 Samuel chapter 13 king Saul was unable to wait and he committed an unacceptable act. Sometimes the things that people do can cause them to miss what it is that they would otherwise have had but this does not mean that man can devastate the plans of God as Sarah's actions did not but it did cause her and others around her distress walking the way so we can frustrate ourselves when we do not wait.

It is bad enough that Saul was not called by the Lord to be king but it is man who wanted him as a king and as a result of it people died. The actions of man is often to man's own detriment. If man knew best the world would not be in it's current state.

A lot of people come into the body of Christ under the illusion that they will no longer have to suffer and for some that is the reason for their interest, however the harsh reality is that we can have the Lord in our lives and still suffer but the difference is that we are not owned by a cruel master, we are not alone in our circumstances and we have some beautiful, supportive and comforting promises from God. God says in Isaiah 43:2 that we will go through the water but that it will not overtake us and that we will go through the fire and that we will not get burned so it is quite evident that we will have to go through things but that because of the hand of the Lord we will not be consumed by it but His scriptural instructions give us a way to feel the pain of what we go through less if we do feel it but our focus is a major key.

If we dwell on something it magnifies it and our minds need to be kept clear and we need to avoid handing the adversary ammunition. Emotions can really work against us and wrong focus can easily cause us to lose patience and then to fail to endure.

There are some mundane tasks that we may go through while we are waiting for the things we are looking to do such as deliver cheese when wanting to minister in song or fight some real battles but David was just obedient even after he was anointed to be king and he did not rush but looked after a few sheep seeming as a dogsbody yet anointed to be king. It is not always immediate. David's humility, patience and obedience along with his training from the Lord led him into the first step of his calling when he humbly delivered that cheese. The Lord knows where to put us when, He does not need out help.

1 Samuel 16:17-18

17 Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah ^[4] of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp.

18 Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. ^[5] See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance ^[6] from them.

David had what appeared to be mundane tasks and small beginnings yet he was anointed king. David was trained during these tasks as appropriate and came boldly while an army cowered on the battlefield before Goliath in 1 Samuel chapter 17 followed by not just humility, knowing his place before the Lord and uprightness when he could have tried to kill king Saul for the kingdom in a rush but also in great endurance while Saul tried to kill him and he had the knowledge of the word of the Lord and was quite like the Lord in his way of thinking in many ways.

1 Samuel 17:34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

1 Samuel 24:1-11

1. After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi."
2. So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crag of the Wild Goats.

3. He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave.
4. The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said ¹⁴ to you, `I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.
5. Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe.
6. He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD."
7. With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.
8. Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

9. He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, `David is bent on harming you'?"

10. This day you have seen with your own eyes how the **LORD** delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, `I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the **LORD's** anointed.'

11. See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. Now understand and recognize that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life.

In addition to things we want to do that the Lord may have permitted in accordance with His will and there are things that the Lord has said that we have been called to do but if it is about the kingdom and not us then we will wait but it is not misunderstood that human beings get bored but we should recall that the Lord had the opportunity to act before His time

when Jesus performed His first miracle in John 2:1-4 and some people will make unhelpful suggestions that may seem helpful and motivating at the time but yet it is still before the time just as Jesus's own mother told Him there was problem to be taken care of before His time had come to act but He did not allow that to cause Him to act before the appointed time and He also stated that for some their hour is any time in John 7:6. Everything has its seasons except the Lord changes it and it is not necessarily always appropriate thing to do. There is often more than you and or me as a factor but instead many other people, places and things for the Lord to consider.

Corresponding scriptures

1 Samuel 13:8-14

8. He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter.
9. So he said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings. ⁵ " And Saul offered up the burnt offering.
10. Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.
11. "What have you done?" asked Samuel. Saul replied, "When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Micmash,
12. I thought, `Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD's favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."
13. "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.

14. But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

David anointed king but waited patiently for the throne until his hour

1 Samuel 19:1-24

1. Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David
2. and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there.
3. I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out."

4. Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly.
5. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"
6. Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death."
7. So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.
8. Once more war broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him.
9. But an evil ^[1] spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the harp,

10. Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.
11. Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed."
12. So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped.
13. Then Michal took an idol ^[2] and laid it on the bed, covering it with a garment and putting some goats' hair at the head.
14. When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, "He is ill."
15. Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, "Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him."
16. But when the men entered, there was the idol in the bed, and at the head was some goats' hair.

17. Saul said to Michal, "Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?" Michal told him, "He said to me, `Let me get away. Why should I kill you?'"
18. When David had fled and made his escape, he went to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there.
19. Word came to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah";
20. so he sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came upon Saul's men and they also prophesied.
21. Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied.
22. Finally, he himself left for Ramah and went to the great cistern at Secu. And he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" "Over in Naioth at Ramah," they said.

23. So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth.

24. He stripped off his robes and also prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Anointed as king but seemed as an underdog

1. David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there.

2. All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.

3. From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my

father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?"

4. So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.

A kingdom wrapped in a dogsbody task

1 Samuel 17:1-58

1. Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah.
2. Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines.
3. The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

4. A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet ^[1] tall.
5. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels ^[2] ;
6. on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.
7. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. ^[3] His shield bearer went ahead of him.
8. Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.
9. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."
10. Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."

11. On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.
12. Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was old and well advanced in years.
13. Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah.
14. David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul,
15. but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.
16. For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.
17. Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah ^[4] of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp.
18. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. ^[5] See how your

brothers are and bring back some assurance ^[6] from them.

19. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

20. Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry.

21. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other.

22. David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers.

23. As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it.

24. When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.

25. Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his father's family from taxes in Israel."

26. David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

27. They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."

28. When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

29. "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"

30. He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.
31. What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.
32. David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."
33. Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth."
34. But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,
35. I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.
36. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

37. The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

38. Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

39. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

40. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

41. Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David.

42. He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him.

43. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
44. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"
45. David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the **LORD** Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
46. This day the **LORD** will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.
47. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the **LORD** saves; for the battle is the **LORD's**, and he will give all of you into our hands."
48. As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

49. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

50. So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

51. David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

52. Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath ^[2] and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron.

53. When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp.

54. David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, and he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.

55. As Saul watched David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner, commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is that young man?" Abner replied, "As surely as you live, O king, I don't know."

56. The king said, "Find out whose son this young man is."

57. As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head.

58. "Whose son are you, young man?" Saul asked him. David said, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem."

*David endured uprightly & became king
He did not rip the crown off the dead king a rush*

David was thirty years old when he became king, and
he reigned forty years

