INTIMACY
Daily Meditation – Thursday August 27, 2026

How close of a walk are you having with Jesus and the Holy Spirit? Many apostles contributed to the writing of the infallible New Testament. However, when I think of intimacy I think of the Apostle John, the revelator. John was very intimate with Jesus. When I think of intimacy I think of Apostle Paul.

Regarding the Apostle Paul the Bible says, "Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? — I speak as if insane — I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches. Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern" (2 Cor. 11:22-29)?[1]

An individual does not go through big trials like the Apostle Paul and keep moving forward without real intimacy. The more intimate you are with the Holy Spirit the stronger the anointing that comes on your life. When this happens Satan sends all kinds of trials in an attempt to stop you.

However, they could not stop the Apostle Paul, and they cannot stop you. The persecution triggers the anointing and fruit gets manifested. Confidence and being courageous triggers the anointing.

Do you recall what God commanded Joshua when preparing him to lead the God's people into the promise land? The Bible says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Jos. 1:9 AMPC).

[1] All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!