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for the people of God*

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B3-C04-S01 - When Learning Replaces Obedience

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from His only begotten Son.

I write this letter with urgency, because I fear that many believers have mistaken learning for growth, and hearing truth for obeying truth.

There are many today who can explain doctrine, quote verses, expose false teachings, debate theology, and speak about Scripture for hours, yet their lives remain unchanged. Their speech has increased, but their obedience has not. Their knowledge has grown, but their sacrifice, labor, boldness, holiness, patience, and service toward God remain weak.

This is the danger that Scripture warned about when it spoke of those who are “ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Many assume this only speaks of false doctrine. But there is another danger also: a person can continually learn true things while never allowing those truths to transform the way they live before God.

Knowledge without obedience slowly hardens the heart.

At first truth convicts. Then truth becomes familiar. Then familiar truth becomes information. And eventually information becomes noise.

A person who once trembled during correction can eventually sit comfortably hearing the same warnings without movement, without repentance, without change, and without action.

This is why many believers consume sermons, studies, podcasts, teachings, and videos daily, yet remain spiritually weak. They have become hearers who are constantly feeding but never laboring. Constantly receiving but rarely pouring out. Constantly studying but never moving.

And slowly the Christian life becomes intellectual instead of sacrificial.

People begin mistaking discussion for discipleship, agreement for obedience, conviction for repentance, and learning for spiritual maturity.

But truth was never given merely to fill the mind.

Truth was given to transform the life.

What good is it for a man to study love while refusing to serve others? What good is it for a person to study evangelism while never speaking to the lost? What good is it to study holiness while secretly protecting compromise? What good is it to study faith while remaining afraid to obey God publicly? What good is it to study repentance while continuing to excuse the same sins year after year?

Even demons know truth. The difference is obedience.

The early disciples did not merely gather to study endlessly while remaining unchanged. They prayed together, suffered together, evangelized together, corrected one another, carried burdens together, fed others, visited homes, strengthened believers, and risked their comfort for the Gospel. Truth moved them into action.

Today many believers want endless teaching while avoiding responsibility.

Some always want another study because studies feel safe. Learning feels productive. Listening feels spiritual. Discussing deep things feel mature. But many avoid the uncomfortable part of discipleship, actual involvement.

Because involvement exposes the heart.

The moment a believer begins evangelizing, fear surfaces. The moment he begins serving others, selfishness surfaces. The moment he becomes accountable to the body, pride surfaces. The moment sacrifice is required; excuses surface. The moment labor is required, laziness surfaces.

Action reveals what endless listening can hide.

This is why some believers have studied for years and still cannot lead a soul to truth, pray with boldness, endure hardship patiently, confront sin lovingly, disciple others, or stand firm when persecution comes. They have trained themselves to consume, but not to walk.

A stagnant believer eventually becomes spiritually swollen.

Always feeding, rarely moving.

Always studying, rarely sacrificing.

Always listening and rarely obeying.

And eventually even strong truth loses its effect because the person has learned how to admire conviction without responding to it.

Brothers and sisters, this must not be among us.

The church was never meant to become a room full of permanent listeners. We are called to become laborers in the kingdom of God. A healthy body moves. A healthy disciple serves. A healthy believer grows beyond simply receiving.

Christ Himself said, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.”

Notice, He did not say the listeners were few. He did not say the church attendees were few. He did not say the sermon consumers were few.

He said the laborers were few.

The harvest has always been plentiful. Broken families are everywhere. Confused believers are everywhere. Deceived churches are everywhere. Lost souls are everywhere. People searching for truth are everywhere.

Yet where are the laborers?

Where are those willing to inconvenience themselves for the Gospel?

Where are those willing to study with the weak, pray with the broken, confront sin lovingly, preach truth boldly, visit the lonely, strengthen the fearful, and spend themselves for the kingdom of God?

Many want the benefits of belonging to Christ, but few want the burden of laboring with Him.

Many want to sit beneath the tree and admire the vineyard, but few want to enter the field carrying the weight of the work.

And this is one reason many believers remain spiritually stagnant.

A body that never moves grows weak.

A servant that never labors grows comfortable.

And a believer who only receives eventually becomes spiritually dull.

The Christian life was never meant to be lived as a spectator.

Christ did not merely call disciples to learn.

He called them to follow Him.

And following Him always leads to labor, sacrifice, discomfort, responsibility, and love expressed through action.

So I exhort you before God: do not become comfortable sitting beneath truth while refusing to walk in it.

If you learn about compassion, then serve.

If you learn about evangelism, then speak.

If you learn about repentance, then change.

If you learn about sacrifice, then give.

If you learn about prayer, then pray.

If you learn about holiness, then separate yourself from sin.

If you learn about the lost, then go reach them.

Do not wait until you “feel ready.”

If the disciples had waited until they felt ready, many would have never moved.

Growth often begins where comfort ends.

And many believers remain spiritually weak because they continually protect comfort while asking God for growth.

But growth requires movement.

Growth requires involvement.

Growth requires obedience.

Growth requires death to self.

The church does not need more spectators. It needs disciples willing to walk as Christ walked.

So, examine yourself honestly before God.

Have you merely gathered truth?

Or has truth begun changing the way you live?

Have you become a hearer only?

Or are you becoming a doer of the Word?

For there are many who love learning, but far fewer who are willing to obey.

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For a deeper understanding of John's message request study:

B3-C04-S01 - Involvement, Service, and Obedience as the Proof of Faith

B4-C05-S05 - The War in the Details

Grace and peace be unto you from God our Father, and from Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

I write these things with a burden upon my heart, not to trouble you without cause, but because there is a danger among the children of God that many sincere believers do not carefully examine. The Gospel has not only been attacked by men who openly oppose it. It has also been weakened by those who have adjusted it in small places, often without realizing what they have done. Truth is rarely destroyed all at once. More often, it is altered little by little, until what remains sounds familiar but no longer carries the exact pattern first delivered by God.

From the beginning, the details have mattered. When God commanded the tabernacle to be built, nothing was left to the imagination of man. The measurements, the materials, the colors, the order, and the placement all came from the pattern shown by God. This teaches us something we must not forget. God reveals His glory through precision, and truth is never careless. If men alter what God commanded, even in what appears small, the message begins to change.

Our Lord also taught that not one jot or one tittle would pass from the law until all be fulfilled. Heaven does not treat the smallest matters of God's Word as insignificant. If the smallest mark matters before God, then no command, no doctrine, no act of obedience, and no part of the Gospel should be treated as optional by us.

This is where many are deceived. They believe rebellion must look obvious before it becomes dangerous. Yet Satan's first deception

did not begin by erasing God's command. He questioned it, twisted it, and shifted it just enough to open the door to death. A teaching can sound close to truth and still be corrupted. A message can contain many true things and still become dangerous if one part of God's pattern is removed or replaced.

This is why we must examine carefully the words that have been added, removed, softened, or redefined among us. Scripture teaches that we are saved by grace through faith, yet many now say we are saved by faith alone. That word "alone" is not a harmless addition when it is used to remove obedience from the covenant pattern. Scripture speaks of salvation as something nearer now than when we first believed, yet many teach that the matter is fully completed at the first moment of belief. Scripture connects baptism with remission, yet many have changed the meaning until baptism becomes only a symbol and obedience becomes only tradition.

These may appear to some as small matters, but small changes can corrupt great truths. Poison does not need to fill the whole cup in order to make the water deadly. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Therefore, the children of God must learn to fear alteration, especially when alteration is wrapped in familiar words.

Jude warned that we must earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. That warning was not given in vain. It was given because another version can arise, one that sounds acceptable, sounds common, and is received by many, yet does not preserve the full apostolic pattern. When consensus replaces Scripture, truth is no longer being guarded. It is being traded for agreement.

There is also another matter that must be examined with sobriety, and that is the confusion surrounding the Name of the Messiah. This is not a light matter, nor should it be treated as a mere argument over language. Scripture connects salvation, authority, healing, deliverance, and covenant identity to the Name given from Heaven. The apostles did not preach a vague title. They proclaimed the Name because authority was attached to that Name.

From the beginning, God placed meaning and authority within names. The Name given to the Son declared identity, mission, and salvation. If that meaning is hidden, forgotten, or replaced by tradition, the understanding of the Son is blurred in the minds of men. When identity is blurred, authority is weakened. When authority is weakened, obedience begins to feel less necessary.

This is why confusion about the Name is not harmless. If salvation is tied to the Name given from Heaven, then Satan has reason to corrupt, cover, or confuse that Name. The danger is not pronunciation alone, but the loss of the meaning, identity, and authority revealed by God.

Beloved, deception often comes in layers. One lie becomes common. Then another teaching rises up and appears to correct the first, yet still does not restore the full truth. In this way, men may escape one deception while remaining inside another. They feel as though they have come out of error, yet they may only have moved into a cleaner form of the same corruption. Therefore, surface correction is not enough. We must return all the way to Scripture.

This same pattern appears again and again. Faith becomes faith alone. Obedience becomes optional. Remission becomes

symbolism. The narrow way becomes a common salvation. The revealed Name becomes tradition. One layer hides another, and unless a man continues testing all things by the Word of God, he may stop too early and mistake partial correction for full restoration.

Scripture is precise because salvation is precise. The blood cleanses. The washing applies what was purchased. The Spirit seals what has been cleansed. Remove one part, and the covenant pattern is no longer preserved as it was delivered. This is why spiritual failure often begins long before the fall becomes visible. Lack of faith grows out of lack of understanding. Lack of understanding grows out of lack of knowledge. Lack of knowledge grows out of neglecting the Word. Neglect produces disobedience, and disobedience has been the seed of every fall since the garden.

I know that many resist these things because examination brings discomfort. But discomfort is not always the enemy. Sometimes it is the mercy of God exposing what must be corrected before greater damage comes. If correction never troubles us, then transformation will rarely take place. A man who refuses to examine what he believes has already made himself vulnerable to deception.

Therefore, examine your faith honestly. Are you living by the exact words of God, or by an adjusted version handed down through tradition and repetition?

Are you testing every teaching, or defending what is familiar because it feels safe?

Are you walking in lawfulness before God, or have you accepted forms of lawlessness because they are widely approved?

And I ask you something more personal. Are you obeying the command to test every spirit, whether it is of God?

Are you verifying what is being taught to you, or simply trusting the voice that sounds confident?

Are you searching the Scriptures for yourself, or relying on what you have always been told?

Do not exclude even this letter from examination. Do not agree with me because the words sound strong. Do not receive what I place before you unless you can prove it by Scripture. I do not ask for blind agreement. I ask for investigation. Search the Scriptures. Test every claim. Measure every doctrine. Verify what you receive, and verify what you think you already know.

Truth does not fear examination, but error cannot survive it.

Stand firm, beloved. Walk carefully. Do not treat the details of God as small things. Let your life reflect the unaltered Gospel of Christ, not a version reshaped by comfort, majority agreement, or tradition. God's glory is revealed in the details that honor Him, and Satan's deception hides in the details that replace Him.

Salvation is not found where men adjust the Word of God until it becomes acceptable to the many. It is found where obedient faith meets the unaltered truth of God.

With urgency and love for your soul, written in truth and instruction, John, servant and disciple of Christ
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For a deeper understanding of this message, request the study:
B4-C05-S05 - The War in the Details: God's Glory, Satan's Deception, and the Corruption of the True Gospel

B3-C04-S02 - Supporting the Work of God

Brothers and sisters,

There is something that has weighed heavily upon my heart for some time, and I write not to condemn you, but because I love you enough to speak plainly.

Over the years I have watched many believers become excited about the things of God. They rejoice when truth is preached. They rejoice when error is exposed. They rejoice when a ministry stands firm when others compromise. They rejoice when a brother or sister is strengthened, when a family is restored, or when someone finally begins to understand the Scriptures correctly.

Yet I have also noticed something troubling.

Many love the fruit of a ministry, but very few think about what is required to produce that fruit.

A person receives a study booklet but rarely considers the years of labor that made it possible. Someone attends a gathering but rarely considers the preparation behind it. Someone receives counsel, encouragement, correction, or teaching, but rarely stops to think about the time, sacrifice, prayer, and effort that were poured out so that those things could be provided.

It is easy to enjoy the shade of a tree. It is much harder to plant it, water it, protect it, and wait years for it to grow.

The truth is that every work of God requires sacrifice. Every ministry requires labor. Every outreach requires effort. Every gathering requires preparation. Every study requires time. And every one of those things costs someone something.

What concerns me is not that some believers have little to give. God knows our circumstances. Some have more resources than

others. Some have more time than others. Some have greater abilities than others.

What concerns me is when a believer begins to assume that because someone else is carrying the burden, there is no burden left for them to carry.

The ministry does not continue because a handful of people refuse to quit.

A ministry becomes healthy when every believer accepts responsibility for the small portion God has entrusted to them.

I have seen people spend money without hesitation on comfort, entertainment, hobbies, vacations, restaurants, subscriptions, and countless temporary things. Yet when it comes to supporting the work of God, suddenly every dollar becomes precious. Suddenly every expense is carefully measured. Suddenly every reason not to help appears.

Brothers and sisters, these things ought not to be.
What we support reveals what we value.
What we sacrifice for reveals what we believe in.
And what we continually neglect reveals what has fallen low on our list of priorities.

Please understand my heart.
This is not about money.
If this were only about money, the issue would be simple.

The issue is much deeper.
The issue is stewardship.
The issue is participation.
The issue is whether we view ourselves as spectators or servants.

Too many believers have adopted the habit of standing on the sidelines while expecting others to carry the work forward. They cheer for the laborers. They appreciate the laborers. They benefit from the laborers. But they rarely ask how they themselves can help strengthen the work.

Imagine a family in which everyone waits for someone else to wash the dishes.

Imagine a farm in which everyone waits for someone else to plant the seed.

Imagine an army in which everyone waits for someone else to fight the battle.

How long would that family function?

How long would that farm produce?

How long would that army survive?

The answer is obvious.

Yet many ministries struggle under the same burden.

Everyone agrees the work is important, but too few accept responsibility for helping it continue.

My prayer is not that anyone would give out of guilt.

Guilt produces short-lived obedience.

Nor do I desire anyone to give out of pressure.

Pressure changes behavior for a moment but rarely changes the heart.

Instead, I pray that every believer would simply stop and ask themselves a difficult question:

"If every disciple served, sacrificed, prayed, and supported the work of God exactly as I do, what would become of the church?"

That question has challenged me many times, and perhaps it should challenge all of us.

For one day we will stand before God and give an account, not for what others did, but for what we did with what He entrusted to us.

May He find us faithful. May He find us willing. And may He find that we loved His work enough not merely to benefit from it, but to strengthen it.

Your brother and fellow servant,
John,
Zion's Roar Holy Spirit Ministry

For a deeper understanding of this message, request the study:
B3-C04-S02 - Tithing - Giving- Supporting the Work of God

B5-C02-S02 – The Danger of a divided Household

My beloved brethren,

There is a matter that has weighed heavily upon my heart, and because I love you, I cannot remain silent concerning it. We live in a time when many things that God established are being neglected, redefined, or treated as though they no longer matter. Among these is the unity that God intended to exist between a husband and a wife.

From the beginning, God did not create two separate paths within the marriage covenant. He joined a man and a woman together and declared that they would become one flesh. This was not merely a physical union, but a joining of purpose, direction, responsibility, and life. What God joined together was intended to walk together.

Yet I have seen many households where this is no longer the case. Husband and wife live under the same roof, yet they do not walk in the same direction. They share the same home, yet they do not share the same convictions. They raise the same children, yet they often pull those children toward different priorities, different beliefs, and different examples. What God intended to function as one body slowly begins to operate as two.

Many do not recognize the danger because the consequences are not always immediate. The home still stands. The family still gathers together. Daily life continues. Yet beneath the surface something is happening. Children are watching. They are learning. They are observing which convictions are honored and which are ignored. They are learning whether unity matters, whether authority matters, and whether God's design for the family is worthy of respect.

Beloved, we must not deceive ourselves. A divided house is never as strong as a united one. Where husband and wife cease to walk together, confusion enters. Where confusion enters, clarity

disappears. Where clarity disappears, the next generation often pays the price.

The enemy knows this far better than many believers do. He knows that he does not need to destroy a family in a single day. He only needs to weaken what God intended to be united. He only needs to create enough division that husband and wife cease strengthening one another and begin pulling against one another. Once that happens, the children are left to navigate influences they were never meant to judge between.

I have watched families grieve over children who no longer desire the things of God, yet years earlier those same children witnessed division within the very people who were supposed to guide them. I have watched husbands grow discouraged and wives grow hardened, while neither fully realized the effect their conflict was having upon those who were watching them. By the time the harvest appeared, the seeds had already been planted long before.

Therefore, I urge you, Brethren, do not treat these matters lightly. Examine your home. Examine your marriage. Ask yourselves whether you are truly walking together as one flesh or merely existing together while following separate paths. Ask whether your children see unity or division, agreement or conflict, mutual support or continual resistance.

None of us are perfect. Every marriage will face difficulties. Every household will experience seasons of struggle. Yet there is a great difference between struggling together and pulling apart from one another. One strengthens the covenant. The other weakens it. If there is division, address it while it is still small. If there is distance, seek reconciliation while there is still time. If there is resentment, put it away before it takes root. Do not allow years to pass while believing that unresolved problems will somehow correct themselves. What is neglected today often becomes tomorrow's burden.

I write these things not to condemn but to warn. Those whom we love, we warn. Those whom we love, we speak truth to. For the family is one of God's greatest gifts, and it must not be surrendered carelessly to the devices of the enemy.

May the Lord grant wisdom to husbands, grace to wives, understanding to children, and peace to every household that seeks to walk according to His ways.

Your brother and fellow servant in Christ,
John.

For a deeper understanding of John's message request study:

B5-C02-S02 - SATAN'S STRATEGY AGAINST THE FAMILY
Through the Destruction of the Father's Influence

B3-C07-S04 – Healing.

To the church,

I write to you concerning the promises of healing, the power Christ has given to His people, and the responsibility that remains upon every person who asks God to restore the body. I write because many have fallen into one of two errors. Some have stopped believing that God still heals through His power, while others speak of faith in healing but neglect the things God has already placed before them for their health. Both errors must be corrected, because neither one reflects the fullness of what is written.

God has not changed. The power that healed the sick through Christ did not disappear when the apostles died. Christ commanded His disciples to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils, saying, “*Freely ye have received, freely give*” (**Matthew 10:8**). The Holy Ghost still gives gifts of healing according to His will, and those who have received authority from Christ are not called merely to stand beside the afflicted and offer words of comfort. They are called to pray in faith, lay hands upon the sick, speak in the name of Christ, and minister what they have received from God.

When Peter met the lame man at the gate of the temple, he did not speak as a man waiting helplessly for something to happen. He said, “*Such as I have give I thee: In the name of Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk*” (**Acts 3:6**). Peter knew the power did not originate in himself, but he also knew that something had been placed within him that could be ministered to another. He spoke, reached out his hand, and raised the man up. God supplied the power, Christ supplied the authority, and Peter acted in obedience.

This is the balance the church must recover. We must never make man the source of healing, but neither should we deny that God gives men and women authority and gifts through which healing

may be ministered. To say that God is the Healer does not mean His servants are spectators. He has chosen to work through vessels of flesh, placing heavenly treasure within earthen vessels so that the power may be known to come from Him.

Healing is not only for a small group considered worthy, spiritually advanced, or useful enough to deserve it. When ten lepers cried out to Christ for mercy, He told them to show themselves to the priests, and as they went, all ten were cleansed. Only one returned to glorify God. Christ asked, *"Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17).*

The nine were not denied healing because they would later fail to return. Christ extended mercy to all ten. This reveals that healing is not earned by human perfection. It comes through the mercy, compassion, promises, and power of God. Yet their healing also exposed their hearts. Ten received mercy, but only one returned with gratitude.

We must therefore understand that receiving healing and responding properly to healing are not the same thing. A person may receive mercy and still fail to honor the One who gave it. Healing should lead us into gratitude, obedience, testimony, and greater surrender. It should not merely return us to the same careless life we lived before.

This leads to a question every person seeking healing should be willing to consider. Why do you desire to be healed?

Is it only because you want the pain to end?

Is it only so that life may become easier, more comfortable, or more enjoyable?

There is nothing wrong with desiring relief. Pain wears down the body and the mind, and Christ showed compassion toward those

who suffered. Yet healing can carry a purpose greater than comfort.

What will you do with the strength that is restored?

Will the life given back to you glorify God?

Will your healing become testimony?

Will you use your restored body to serve your family, encourage the afflicted, strengthen the church, proclaim the Gospel, and help bring others toward Christ?

Will you return to give glory to God, or will you receive mercy and continue walking as though nothing was required of you?

We should desire not only to be healed from something, but to be healed for something. Healed for service. Healed for testimony. Healed to complete the work placed before us. Healed so that the mercy of God may be seen through a life that was restored and then offered back to Him.

This does not mean that healing can be purchased by making promises to God. We cannot bargain with Him by saying that if He heals us, we will finally become useful. Neither should anyone conclude that a person remains sick because they have failed to give God a sufficient reason to heal them. That would condemn the afflicted without knowledge and place a burden upon them that Scripture does not place.

The question of purpose is not asked so that healing may be earned. It is asked so that the heart may be prepared. God already knows the purpose of every life, but we should know what we intend to do with the mercy we are asking to receive. A restored life should not be wasted by returning to the same neglect, rebellion, or harmful habits that weakened it before.

This is where faith is often misunderstood. Some believe that trusting the promises of God means doing nothing while waiting for a miracle. They refuse to change what is harming them, neglect the body, reject useful help, and call their inaction faith. But faith and presumption are not the same.

A person who stands before a moving train and says that God will protect him, while refusing to step out of its path, is not demonstrating great faith. He is tempting God.

When the devil told Christ to cast Himself down from the temple because the angels would protect Him, Christ answered, *“Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God”* (**Matthew 4:7**). The promise of protection was true, but the promise was not permission for deliberate recklessness.

The same principle applies to healing. We cannot continually place ourselves in the path of destruction and demand that God rescue us from what we refuse to leave. We cannot pray for strength while continuing habits that destroy strength. We cannot ask God to protect the body while refusing to care for it. We cannot deliberately ignore wisdom and then call the consequences a trial of faith.

God created the body and gave it the ability to recover. He provided food, water, rest, plants, knowledge, helpers, physicians, and many other things through which the body may be supported. Hezekiah received a promise of healing, yet a lump of figs was placed upon his boil. Paul advised Timothy concerning his stomach and frequent infirmities. The Good Samaritan poured oil and wine into the wounds of the injured man. None of these actions denied God. They used what was available while depending upon Him.

There is no contradiction between praying for miraculous healing and using what God has already provided. The contradiction

begins when natural means replace God, or when faith is used as an excuse to reject responsibility.

Medicine must not become our god. Physicians must not become our final authority. Food, exercise, herbs, rest, and knowledge must never replace prayer, spiritual authority, the laying on of hands, or the gifts of healing. These things have limits, and none of them is the original source of life. Yet refusing every available provision does not prove faith. Sometimes it only proves pride, fear, or stubbornness.

We must not make ourselves our complete healers, as though the outcome depends entirely upon our own knowledge and effort. But neither should we make ourselves careless and demand that God perform a miracle to correct what we knowingly refuse to change. We care for the body because it belongs to God. We seek help because wisdom is also His gift. We pray because natural means cannot replace divine power. We lay hands upon the sick because Christ commanded it. We believe for miracles because the Holy Ghost has not lost His gifts.

The church must stop treating these truths as enemies. Faith does not oppose wisdom. Spiritual healing does not require deliberate neglect. Practical responsibility does not cancel the supernatural. All of these must remain under the direction and authority of God.

The person ministering healing must also remain obedient. Power does not excuse pride, and testimony does not excuse disobedience. After Christ cleansed a leper, He commanded him, *“See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest”* (**Matthew 8:4**). The healing was real, but the healed man was still under instruction. A miracle does not release anyone from obedience. Neither the person healed nor the person through whom healing is ministered may take control of what belongs to God.

The one who ministers healing must never use the gift to build a name, create dependence, gather admiration, or make merchandise of the afflicted. The gift belongs to the Holy Ghost. The authority belongs to Christ. The glory belongs to God. The servant is only responsible to believe, obey, and freely give what has been freely received.

The one seeking healing must also examine the heart. Do not ask only, “Can God heal me?” Ask, “What will this healing produce in me?” Will it produce gratitude or forgetfulness? Obedience or a return to carelessness? Service or self-indulgence? Testimony or silence? God’s mercy should not merely make the old life comfortable. It should strengthen a renewed life that is given to His purposes.

I write this not to weaken faith, but to remove the false ideas that have attached themselves to it. Faith is not sitting still while destruction approaches. Faith hears God and moves. Noah believed and built. Joseph believed and prepared. The lepers believed and went toward the priests before they saw themselves cleansed. Peter believed and took the lame man by the hand.

Faith acts because it believes.

The church must continue to pray for the sick, lay hands upon them, seek the gifts of the Holy Ghost, speak in the authority of Christ, and expect the power of God to move. At the same time, every believer must care responsibly for the life and body entrusted to them. Remove what is harming you. Use the wisdom God has provided. Receive appropriate help without placing your faith entirely in it. Believe for the miraculous without demanding that God reward deliberate neglect.

Let those who minister healing do so without pride. Let those seeking healing come with faith and purpose. Let those who have been restored return and give glory to God. Let no one claim the

power as his own, and let no one deny the power because it operates through human vessels.

God may heal in a moment. He may heal through the laying on of hands. He may heal through a spoken command, through the prayer of faith, through a gift of the Holy Ghost, through a process, or through something He has already placed within His creation. We must not imprison God within one method while rejecting every other way He may choose to work.

Let us believe without becoming careless. Let us act without becoming self-reliant. Let us use wisdom without falling into unbelief. Let us minister authority without taking the glory. Let us desire healing not only so that suffering may end, but so that a restored life may become evidence of the mercy and power of God.

May the Lord restore faith to His church, awaken the gifts of healing among His people, and give us wisdom to care for what He has entrusted to us. May every healing produce gratitude, obedience, testimony, and service, so that the afflicted are restored, the name of Christ is glorified, and others are drawn toward the truth.

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B3-C07-S04 – Healing According to Scripture.

B2-C03-S07 - Do Not Give Up

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue our journey through the Scriptures, there are certain subjects that many believers quietly avoid. They are not avoided because the Bible is silent, but because they touch the deepest struggles of the human heart. Suffering, despair, discouragement, temptation, weariness, and perseverance are among those subjects.

The Scriptures never promise that the path of faith will be free from hardship. On the contrary, they repeatedly remind us that those who belong to God will experience trials, afflictions, persecutions, disappointments, sicknesses, chronic pain, weakness, heartache, and moments when the burden seems almost more than we can bear. Yet through every page of Scripture, one message remains constant:

Do not give up.

The call of God has never been merely to begin the race. It has always been to finish it.

One of Satan's greatest weapons against the believer is discouragement. If he cannot persuade us to openly deny the Lord, he will often seek to wear us down little by little. He whispers that our prayers accomplish nothing, that our struggles will never end, that our failures define us, that God has forgotten us, and that giving up is easier than continuing.

Throughout history, many believers have found themselves in seasons of such deep sorrow that they questioned whether they could continue. Some have even reached the tragic point of taking their own lives because they believed the burden had become greater than they could bear.

Many of us have also discovered that our greatest struggles do not always come from strangers, but from those closest to us. We carry the burden of watching family members, friends, and loved ones reject the truth, resist the commandments of God, or remain content with beliefs that cannot save them.

We grieve as some refuse to listen, some become offended, some separate themselves from us, and others begin to treat us as enemies simply because we desire to follow the Word of God. Some accuse us of being judgmental or hypocritical. Others mock our faith or refuse to speak with us altogether.

These wounds often cut deeper than persecution from the world because they come from the very people we love most.

The burden becomes even heavier because we do not merely disagree with them, we see the eternal danger they are in. We see many without hope, many trusting in traditions rather than truth, many blinded by pride, and many sincerely convinced they are walking the right path while unknowingly walking toward destruction. There are few sorrows greater than watching those we love reject the very message that could bring them life.

These burdens are real. The pain is real. The sicknesses are real. The aching body, the sleepless nights, the disappointments, the loneliness, and the constant spiritual battles are all real. Yet we must never allow sorrow to become despair, nor discouragement to become surrender. We cannot save another person's soul by carrying their burden beyond what God has called us to bear. Our responsibility is to love them, pray for them, speak the truth in love, live faithfully before them, and entrust them to the righteous Judge, whose wisdom, mercy, and justice are perfect.

Yet the Word of God continually points us in another direction.

Our hope has never rested in our circumstances.

Our hope rests in God.

Hope is strengthened by knowing the One in whom we trust. That knowledge does not come through feelings, emotions, or human opinions. It comes through diligently searching the Scriptures, learning the character of God, remembering His promises, and fixing our eyes upon Christ. The more we know God, the greater our confidence becomes that He is faithful, even when we cannot understand His purposes.

Many have begun well. Some have stumbled and returned through repentance. Others have turned aside because they loved this present world more than the kingdom of God. Others have become weary under the weight of suffering and temptation. Yet the Holy Spirit continually calls the people of God to endure, to overcome, and to remain faithful until the end.

We see David fall grievously, yet return in repentance. We see Peter deny Christ, yet be restored. We see Demas forsake the work because he loved this present world. We see Judas overcome by remorse, ending his own life before ever turning back to the Lord for mercy. Each account teaches us something different, yet together they remind us that our greatest need is not merely to begin the Christian life, but to persevere in it.

The church must never become a place where those who struggle feel ashamed to ask for help. We are commanded to bear one another's burdens, encourage the fainthearted, strengthen the weak, restore those who have fallen, and continually point one another back to the Lord. None of us is meant to fight life's battles alone.

The disciple's life is not measured merely by how we begin, but by whether we remain faithful. The Scriptures continually exhort us to endure, to continue, to overcome, and to finish our course with faith. Every trial, every disappointment, every unanswered prayer,

every rejection, every physical pain, and every burden becomes another opportunity either to draw closer to God or to allow discouragement to pull us away. Therefore, let us guard our hearts diligently, encouraging one another daily, lest any of us become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Perhaps today you are carrying burdens that no one else can see. Perhaps your body is failing you. Perhaps every morning begins with pain, and every night ends with exhaustion. Perhaps you have prayed for healing for years. Perhaps you have watched loved ones reject the truth, ridicule your faith, or walk farther away from God despite your tears and prayers.

Yet in those moments, we must ask ourselves some difficult questions.

Are we not worthy of giving ourselves every opportunity to finish the race?

Should we surrender the hope of eternal life when God has promised a crown to those who endure?

Is heaven not worth pressing forward one more day, one more hour, one more prayer?

Our desire to finish faithfully is not selfish. It is the very purpose for which God created and redeemed us.

And what of those around us?

If we give up, we also surrender the opportunities God has placed before us. We may never know how many souls the Lord intended us to encourage, strengthen, teach, comfort, or bring one step closer to Him. We may never know whose life would have been changed because we remained faithful through our own suffering. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every prayer, every

faithful example may become the means by which another person begins seeking God. We are not responsible for whether others accept the truth, but we are responsible for remaining faithful so that the light God has placed within us continues to shine before them.

Most of all, we must ask the greatest question of all.

Is God not worthy?

Is He not worthy of our perseverance?

Is He not worthy of our faithfulness through pain, sickness, rejection, loneliness, misunderstanding, persecution, and suffering?

Is He not worthy if we are required to endure hardship until our final breath?

He has never abandoned His children. He has remained faithful in every generation. The Father gave His only begotten Son for our redemption, and Christ willingly endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him. If God has loved us with such perfect love, if Christ has endured such suffering to redeem us, should we not count Him worthy of our steadfast devotion?

No trial lasts forever. No suffering compares with the glory that shall be revealed. Every tear will one day be wiped away. Every faithful step taken in obedience, though unnoticed by the world, it is precious in the sight of God.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, do not give up.

Hold fast to the faith once delivered unto the saints. Encourage one another. Pray for one another. Bear one another's burdens.

Continue in the Word of God. Fix your eyes upon Christ. Endure to the end.

For our God is worthy.

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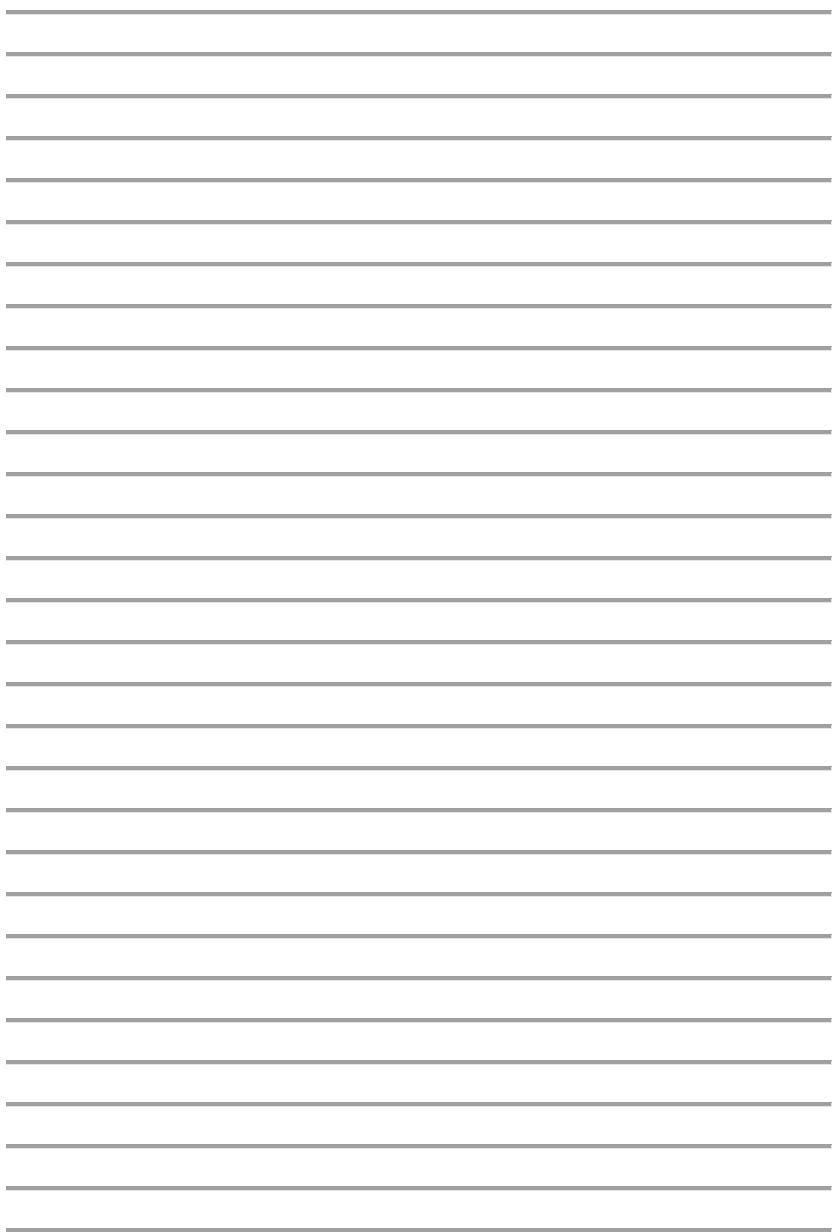
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