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FACING LIFE'S CHALLENGES – SERIES 1

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Failure?

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1 Peter 1:6 & 7

He was only a tailor and she was the daughter of a upstanding person in the community. No-one thought they ought to marry especially her father. 'What gives you the right to marry my daughter?' He enquired after much deliberation, hesitation combined with fear he struggled with the words eventually knowing that if he didn't say something he would have missed his one and only chance to impress this mine and the chance to marry his one true love would have passed. Could he pass the test? Could he stand strong and be brave in the face of adversity

- 'WELL?' boomed her father
- 'Because, because...' he stuttered 'Even a poor tailor is entitled to some happiness!'

We have all watched it and I recall this scene above all others has stuck in my mind since childhood. In 'Fiddler on the Roof' - the father gave in after this, recognising the truth and that this young 'poor' tailor maybe wasn't so poor and could make his daughter happy after all...

In the kingdom of God wealth is not measured as in the world, the treasures in heaven are not measured by your intelligence, your status in society, how many houses or cars or apartments you own or don't own. Things are not right here, and won't be right until

the return of the Christ. Sanctification is a necessary and painful process, but one that brings us into a unique place and one of not just understanding the Cross and the sacrifice that was made on it for all of mankind by our saviour Jesus but an experience that enables us to meet with Him in a tangible and extraordinary

'There is no failure, just different levels of success in Christ...'

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supernatural way, establishing a place where we can be at one with each other and with our Lord completing the fellowship.

This Easter as we reflect on that very sacrifice made by Jesus, are you prepared to suffer for The Christ? Are you prepared for the preparation? Are you ready and willing do get close to Jesus and understand this - that whatever you are going through right now, in His eyes you are not failure, you are still part of the process, you are a success – determined by the fact that God works everything, good and bad things to the good for you,

'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.' Romans 8:28

Note this – '*called according to His purpose*' don't miss that very important part – most people stop at the 'love God' bit but it is the later part of the sentence that tells us that we are called according to His purpose and that means we must be prepared to go through the process of sanctification and become pure – refined by His fire...as Oswald said if God put His own Son through this what

makes you think He won't put you through it! Both Karin and myself have been through this as individuals and on our journey together now we know we will experience this also. However, that is the difference - we know this, we are prepared, and neither of us would have it any other way...this Easter remember you are never a failure no matter where you are in your life i.e what part of the process you are in - 'when things are good, it's good and when things get 'bad', it's good' – it's all good! Have a blessed Easter and be strong.

In Jesus

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