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‘...Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone’. Rom 9:32

Imagine you are standing on the edge of a precipice and you have to make a decision to either go forward or go back! The answer seems to be very straightforward – go back right? However, if you remember we have already talked in the this series about the door being hung the wrong way in this world, therefore if God asks you this question and you are at a precipice or crossroads in your life, what would you do? What does the scriptures tell you? Your response must be to go forward, why? Because you are not thinking with the natural mindset anymore, it's gone, right? Well sort of, many people who come to Christ will experience a transformation, however, obtaining a Christ like mind is all part of the process that continues throughout your life and walk.

‘Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.’ Heb 11:1

Many believers become concerned and worried that because they still ‘think’ like before that maybe they aren’t really ‘saved’, some Christians with a religious spirit will accuse others of this – this is just plain wrong! We are to seek to have a Christ like mind but we are mere humans who are living in a fallen world and alongside others in a ‘fallen’ state and the scriptures though whilst we are to try and attain a Christ like mind do also warn us:

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2 Cor 11:3

Therefore if faced with a dilemma in life our natural basic instinct is to cover it up, hide and then run away – like Adam and Eve in the garden once they knew they were naked, they tried to hide from God their shame and nakedness. However, this is not God's way we are taught in the bible to arm ourselves with the full armour of God, be ready for battle and not to be ashamed any longer – we are the children of light, joint heirs and sons and daughters of the King. We are taught that we will wrestle against principalities and powers, again the bible is referring to those things that are unseen [Ephesians 6](#).

In this world we are spoon fed a diet of rebellion and how we ought to get justice if we are wronged! Jesus taught us all a different way – to overcome evil with good.

Many believers, because they have become entrenched in the world and not the Word are subject to the world and all it has to offer - completely. Instead of submitting to God's Word and what it says, they react instead of responding and end up doing things the way they think that God makes them feel or is speaking to them. They depend on their human senses and 'sensations inside' instead of the Word of God and end up hurting themselves and others unnecessarily instead of listening to God's voice (The Word of God),

They begin to 'hear' either their own voice, something or someone else's; they start to imagine things are happening that are not, their own imaginations become subjected to the enemy and confusion abounds – remember if you have any doubts, misgivings, hurts, anger, turmoil to name but a few and have no peace about the

situation you are in, you need to get back into the boat and wait upon Jesus – God is not the author of confusion. Instead of looking at and blaming that other person you need to look to Jesus and examine yourself! Get focused on the WORD. You may be very surprised to learn that the fault doesn't lie with the other party after all but with yourself. You didn't get into the Word and apply it, but you did believe the thoughts, the misgivings, in essence you believed the lie the enemy was feeding you by not getting into the Word of God and by ignoring God's Word you are distancing yourself from God and affecting greatly your relationship with Him.

'The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.' Ex 14:14

You must always ask yourself this question when at the precipice: Am I believing the lie or am I listening to God's Word and receiving His opinion? Think about that...

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