

# Thy Kingdom Come

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## Preamble for Today's Lesson

### **Isaiah 41:13**

For I, the Lord your God hold your right hand; I am the Lord, Who says to you, Fear not; I will help you!

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### **Today's Topic: "Our Struggle"**

*(Financial and Otherwise)*

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### **1 Timothy 6:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish (useless, godless) and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin *and* destruction and miserable perishing.

<sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray *and* have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many <sup>[a]</sup>acute [mental] pangs.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee from all these things; aim at *and* pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart.

### **The Common Struggle . . .**

***"I wish my people would struggle in the Kingdom Realm as much as they struggle in the earthly (financial) realm."***

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***In the context of what I heard and then understood; “struggle” denotes this; that a person, believing earnestly for a situation to change, but has yet to receive that anticipated outcome for which they are waiting. That struggle creates tension between the expected end and the current facts on the ground, that we have to deal with.***

Then, about a day later, focused on what the Lord wanted to continue to say on this topic, I heard a series of statements . . . and, as I heard those statements, Scripture came to mind . . . so, here is how it flowed:

**“You think that you are in charge of you . . . your welfare, or your eventual outcome . . . And while you can influence your outcome adversely by walking away from My Truth, if you have surrendered your life to Jesus, accepting Him as your personal savior, you remain in the care of My Hands.”**

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

**“What you fear in life is what you are worshiping because that is where all your focus and attention are going.”**

**Exodus 20:3**

**“Yes, you will all face many challenges in life, more than you thought that maybe you deserved . . . don’t entertain the thought that life is not fair, thinking you are owed something by somebody.”**

**John 16:33**

**“For now, today, be determined to be anchored in My Word and all of It’s Truth, as it will be a beacon of light in the storms that are coming.”**

**Psalm 119:105**

**“The days are coming when the principal requirement will be to “stand firm,” without compromise of the Truth of My Word, for it will not fail you.”**

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James 4:7 / 1Thessalonians 3:8

**“The days are coming when the term “prosperity” will take on a new meaning in your life . . . actually as it was always intended to mean, not as the world had defined it to you!”**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

Last month in Grand Junction we specifically talked about the process that we all go through in life. As we focus on the process in our life, it helps us better understand how we react, especially when fear is the instigator. Once we go into the “flight or fight” mode, our instincts take over and any reasonable thought then goes out the window. More often than not, our instincts are based on current and ancient scripts that run in the background, and become the reasons why we act the way we do.

Rick Renner in his “Renner Interpretive Version” for the books of James and Jude, does an exceptional job of walking us through James 1:2-4 in revealing detail:

***By dearest brothers and fellow comrades, I urge you right now to make a predetermined decision – not one left to chance, emotion, or circumstances – That in absolutely everything you face in life, you are going to have joy. I’m even talking about times when you find yourself taken off guard, falling into and being completely surrounded by all kinds of difficulties, problems, situations that have been sent to entrap you, trip you up, make you stumble, or produce destruction in your life.***

***You need to know – really know, and never forget, that difficult situations come to see if you are serious about your stance of faith and if your faith is really all it claims to be or if it will break under pressure. But finally . . . when those tests let up, and your faith is still standing strong, it will have proven your faith to be real. When you push back to resist the tests that have been sent to break you – that pushback triggers a release of divine endurance that fills your from the top of your head clear to the bottom of your feet!***

***Its supernatural endurance will enable you to bear up under any heavy load, and will give you the ability to stay put, to keep your position, and to never***

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***surrender. I'm talking about a power that will enable you to hold on; hold out; never give up; neither bend nor break; outlast; persevere; and stick it out. This power will strengthen you to hold on to whatever promise or territory is under assault.***

***But you're the one who must make the choice to let this God-Given Endurance do its work. And if you'll let endurance run its full course, it will advance you into higher levels of spiritual maturity. Choosing to let endurance run its full course takes work – but if you'll stick with this process all the way to the end, you'll advance to high spiritual levels in your life. Not only that, but you'll have in your procession the quality necessary to possess your God-Given Inheritance – ending up with no deficits, shortages, or lack of any kind, and I mean none whatsoever!***

Does this make sense?

Are you willing to wrestle your emotionally-charged instincts to the ground, and then welcome “the process of endurance” to play through in your life, for and in your particular circumstance?

Last Thoughts . . .

Remember . . . “Belief” is a structure you that you have constructed inside of you. That's probably why Jesus provided the metaphor about building your house (the structure of your beliefs) on a solid foundation, not on shifting sand.

Maybe it's time to drive through the subdivision of our life, taking an inventory of which dilapidated structures need to come down, because clearly, many of those structures are not serving us well.

This will necessitate shorting out our own actual difficult situations from our own dumb decisions . . . we made that created some significant, self-inflicted wounds.

***“But seek (aim and strive after) first of all His Kingdom and His Righteousness (His way of doing and being right) and then all these things taken together will be given you besides,” – Matthew 6:33***