



DAY 26

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”

Romans 5:3-5 NLT

An athlete trains very hard in each season to compete within the finest competitions! When the athlete receives their medal, it will be a very valuable prize to them because they will remember all the pain, suffering, and endurance they went through to get to this point.

Each season gets better for the athlete. The pain of the past season is lessened because the body is made stronger and stronger. The athlete does not forget the pain but they do not hold onto it, they do not allow the pain of the past to make them bitter against their coach.

Likewise, as we enter the “new season” we must remember that we cannot be held hostage by the pain of the “past seasons”. Each victory brings sweetness because the pains and challenges of the past gives value to the prize you are attaining to. When we overcome we shall attain a prize more valuable than any medal.

The Apostle Paul says to the Church in Corinth: *“Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? **So run to win!** All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, **I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified**”*.

Many people feel bitter against God because of the endurance training (and suffering) they have been through in past.

Some people hold grudges toward God who allowed them to go through hardships... or they hold grudges against others for years because they were the ones who caused those hardships. Because of these grudges people never move on with the race. They become bitter people because of the bitter roots that have sprung up in them. The bitter trees will surely produce bitter fruit. They don’t even realise it but they disqualify themselves from the race. They will never fulfil their destiny in the “new season” because of all these past pains hold them captive.

A bitter tree is not a tree of life to God or others.

If not remedied, the bitter tree will eventually be chopped down and cast into the fire. The Holy Spirit comes to set captives to pain and bitterness free.

- You must ask the Holy Spirit to help you get free of past pain.
- Ask him to prepare you for the “new season” with its new challenges and pain so that you will be able to run with endurance.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give your perspective in your troubles and your pain.
- Ask Him to coach you in the “ new season” that you will be going in so that you will keep your focus on Christ and the eternal prize.

GLOBAL HARVEST

“Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession” Psalm 2:8 NLT.

- We ask for the nations. We ask God would give us the whole earth as our possession for His Kingdom glory. Pray with us that in this season every nation, tribe and tongue will be reached with the Gospel of the Kingdom. **Pray that Billions would receive Jesus as Lord of their lives.**
- Pray that believers would obey the great commission and share the Gospel of the Kingdom. If every person today who believes in the name of Jesus will share their gospel with 5 people around them, then we will reach the entire planet.
- The gifting ministry of an “evangelist” is to teach the Body how to evangelise in the world. Each generation needs these teachers because each generation has its challenges and evangelistic giftings can help us see God’s strategy for reaching the new generation in fresh ways. Pray that the Lord would raise evangelist teachers.

THE RETURN – By Jonathan Cahn (DAY 9 of Fasting and Prayer)

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Today the focus of our prayers will be **Repentance for lying, stealing, deception and injustice.** Many people have been victims of these offences. These offences have ripple effects in society that can destroy entire families, communities, churches, cities and nations. Pray for the perpetrators that they will repent of their misdeeds and restore what others have lost because of their deeds. Pray for the victims that God would help them to forgive and hand over the misdeeds to God who is a faithful judge. May we repent for trying to take justice into our hands.



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