

Portrait of Love-Driven Obedience: The Persevering Disciple (cont'd)

Without repentance, transformation will not happen. For as long as the self is at the throne of our lives, this self-directed life would go against the Holy Spirit.

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The faith journey is a lifetime of obedience in the same direction. There are those who start well and continue well, but do not end well. Think of King Asa. Ten years from now, will we still be walking with Jesus? Since our pursuit of God is for the long haul, set your mind on finishing the journey.

Why must we persevere in trusting and relying on God when our situation is disheartening?

First, the eyes of God are upon us as our hearts seek Him. Second, He not only sees and notices us, but He actively acts to strengthen our heart so we will keep trusting Him. *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him (2 Chronicles 16:9).* Keep this in your heart. Lift your heart to Him and seek His face for the bible promises that He will give you strong support. Never give up trusting Him.

What do all these reveal about God? That He loves us. He disciplines us when we disobey as His children because He loves us. When we put our trust in Him, rely on Him, seek Him, follow Him, our Lord God reaches out to strengthen us, "to give strong support" so that we will persevere and finish well. Truly, He is a God of love, worthy of our praise, adoration, and obedience.

ANNOUNCEMENT



The Music Team will be having a get together. If there are those interested in joining the team this is a great way to ask questions. Please see Marj for more details.

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