

Trails are Necessary for Effective Development

We all know that elite athletes train by pushing themselves past their limits. Their motto is: “No pain, no gain”. The necessity of pain is that they are pushing their body’s beyond it’s current limitations so that it hurts. Only by pushing past the pain barrier to where the body is used to the new level can they be content that they’ve made advances in their prowess. As a cross-country runner in my youth, I worked on this pain principle. I did it very gently, listening to my body, and was able to improve my times by doing so.

Any person who hasn’t trained as an elite athlete or in a sporting discipline that pushed their bodies past its comfort zone will never understand the principle of ‘pushing yourself’ and then enjoying the reward when you’ve made improvement.

Humans today are basically lazy. They have been taught to find the easy way, the quickest way, the way of least effort and least commitment way to get what they want. This cultural mindset is just as prevalent among Christians as it is elsewhere, though it may be at a lower level. Christians don’t like going through troubled times or difficult circumstances, because God, for them, is a good God who makes everything nice for them. This is despite Paul's extensive list of mistreatment as a follower of Jesus. Even Jesus told us we had ‘crosses’ we had to bear if we were in his Kingdom. Mistreatment, persecution and martyrdom are all prospective in the life of genuine believers, not pleasure and comfort.

This bad attitude is why believers can’t (or don’t want to) deal with difficulties. They run away from them, ignore them, or get prayer for them to go away. That’s not a Kingdom attitude or the Kingdom way of handling situations. Our King has told us that trials are tests for our advancement and that we should embrace them. We are to go by the principle: “Every problem is a God opportunity”. This is when he shows up and demonstrates to us his miraculous power.

Trials are also for promotion. Strong trials come before promotions because they are part of the examination to see if we’re ready and able to be promoted. We might want to be promoted, but it’s the trials that prepare us to handle what comes with promotion. That’s not only the responsibilities that come with the promotion, but also the increased level of trust in the Trinity that’s need to be successful.

Debra Lowe provides this message from the Throne which confirms what we already know:

“Every mountain of testing and trouble has prepared you, so that you are able to navigate easily the new mountains of victory. As you go up higher, where the altitude is thinner you will be able to maintain a soundness, where those who have never been up so high, would fall away and faint. You have allowed yourself to be trained by Me in those difficult places and steep areas that were meant to bring you down, instead you developed the "hinds¹ feet". At this high altitude, it is a place of great light for understanding and revelation.”²

You see, trouble prepares you to handle the advancement to greater understanding and revelation. That is, of course, only if you successfully navigate and have victory in troubles.

This is why we must enjoy the processes we are put through.³ If we don’t enjoy troubles, we become negative about them and don’t apply ourselves to go through them into a greater level of spiritual strength.

REMEMBER: Our Creator works with our autonomy because he gave us that level of responsibility. He won’t deal with our troubles for us, instead he’ll show us how to handle them his way, so we have success. Sometimes it only means releasing the trouble to him and resting in the way he adjusts circumstances, instead of whinging and whining about it.

1 – A deer

2 – “Ears to Hear/Hearts to Obey” (June 19, 2020)

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3 – An important teaching from Lance Wallnau in his 7 Mountain Mandate series

Debra Lowe's message reminds us that there are kick-backs from the enemy when we advance through trials and troubles. We must calculate for this to happen.

“At this high altitude, it is a place of great light for understanding and revelation. You will begin to understand those deep things now, for I have taken you into My light that minimizes obscurity. Yet, be aware at the same time that this great light of revelation comes, it will be accompanied by great persecution. When you receive deeper insight, you will have more responsibility for what I give to you. You must handle with wisdom what I give. For to whom much is given, much is required. Treat this next level as a prized treasure, for I am bringing to the surface all that will advance My Kingdom.

Remember it is My Kingdom that you are living for, it is not for yourself or another. You get to enjoy the benefits of Kingdom living as you follow Me closely. Use this insight as I direct and only into the arenas that I instruct. This great light is come for you, so that you may rise and shine and bring those who have been crying, to see the light. You will be a reservoir, a supply for them, not a pool. I will pour you out freely to all that I will send you to.

Obedience is what I require. Obedience is simple as you love Me. As you step up into the light you are moving further away from darkness, and as you move up you will incur jealousy, persecutions and hatred. It will be from those who say they are in the light, yet their hatred, jealousy and persecutions stem from the force of darkness. They who do evil hate the light. For they who persecute My children, who walk in the light, they are persecuting Me. From these, withdraw! Do not be afraid to keep walking closer to Me and My light, let your love for Me be your driving force. The false have always persecuted the real.”⁴

Enjoy the ride, it's essential.

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