

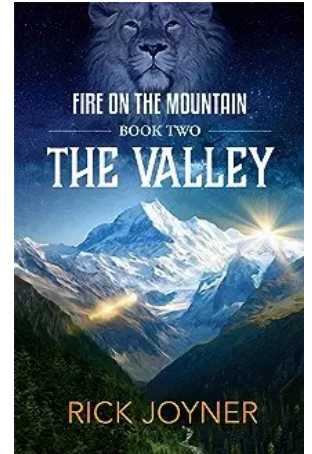
The Valley of Testing

If you haven't read Rick Joyner's prophetic revelation in his book 'The Valley'¹, you need to...

it's a must-read.

The book is written as an allegory from prophetic insight that he's received. Here's the publisher's notes on it:

*"In this thought-provoking prophetic allegory written in the genre of 'The Final Quest', author Rick Joyner takes you on a journey of learning how to defeat the enemy, both within and without. Trek through the Valley of the Shadow of Death with a band of bold Christians as they discover strategies to overcome enemy strongholds, defeat death, and set the captives free. Along the way, you'll experience the joys of close fellowship while gleaning wisdom from Elijah, Enoch, and a very special dinner host, the Lord himself."*²



Testing by Father (not tempting because he doesn't do that, the enemy does) is an important process that sons will go through all their Kingdom life, while they're in the natural. This testing reveals to us where we have unrighteousness remaining that needs to be dealt with and where we have not learnt what he wants us to know. Testing should be seen as absolutely normal for us, because growth and development into maturity as a son is all about training, and testing – it's about process, process, process.

Many times, that testing is intense, producing the phenomena of 'The Valley of Testing'. Here's an extract from Rick's book where the travellers are forewarned about the valley they had to go through, down the track:

"To get through this valley you will learn what the life of the cross is, and you will have to live it. The way to get through this valley alive is to die – die to yourself." ...

"This valley contains every evil in it that the fall of man has released on the earth. It is all of the selfishness, self-seeking, self-centeredness, and greed in all of its evil and deadly manifestations. Everything in that valley will try to make you focus on yourself and do everything for yourself. Following this will lead you into its deadly traps," Elijah answered...

"There is no wisdom greater than the cross. Those who walk in wisdom are those who take up their cross. The King has conquered death, and if you follow Him you will conquer the death in this valley. If you stop following Him to take any other path, this valley will devour you.

"A disciple lives to follow their master, to learn of them and to become like them. This must be your resolve if you will make it through this valley. If you live the life of the cross as He did, you will conquer death as He did.

"You do not defeat an enemy by just getting past him. You defeat fear by growing in faith. You defeat despair by growing in hope. You defeat death by growing in life. True life is only lived by those who no longer live for themselves, but for The King, and do all things for His sake and for those He gave His life for.

"This valley is here to help you find true life. The only path that will lead you through this valley is 'the path of life.' But to find that path, your goal must be greater than getting through the valley. You must resolve to seek out and destroy the enemies that are in it," Elijah continued. "And there is yet one more truth you must live to make it through this valley."³

The process of testing is very much like the way other things happen in the Kingdom. For example: In...

1 – Rick Joyner (2018) "The Valley, Fire on the Mountain, Book 2"

www.amazon.com.au/Valley-Fire-Mountain-Book-ebook/dp/B07HY8LBMJ

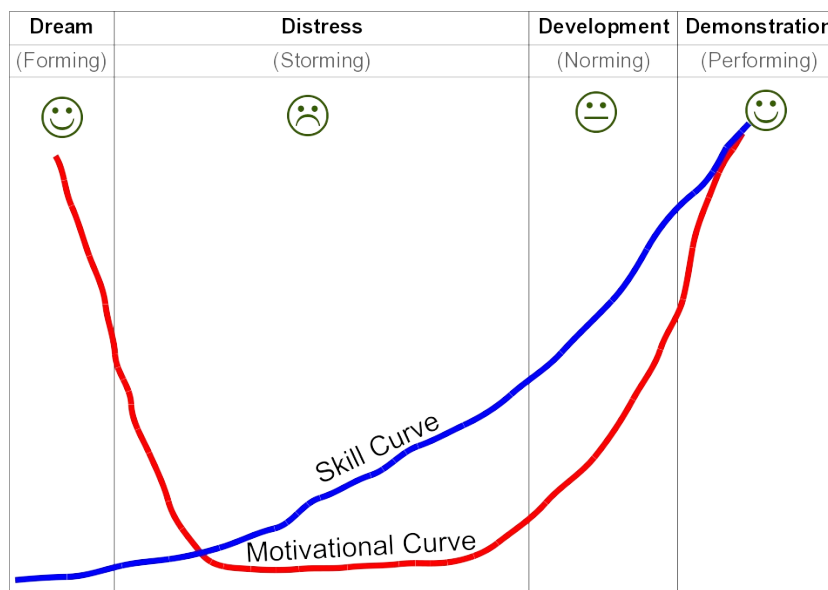
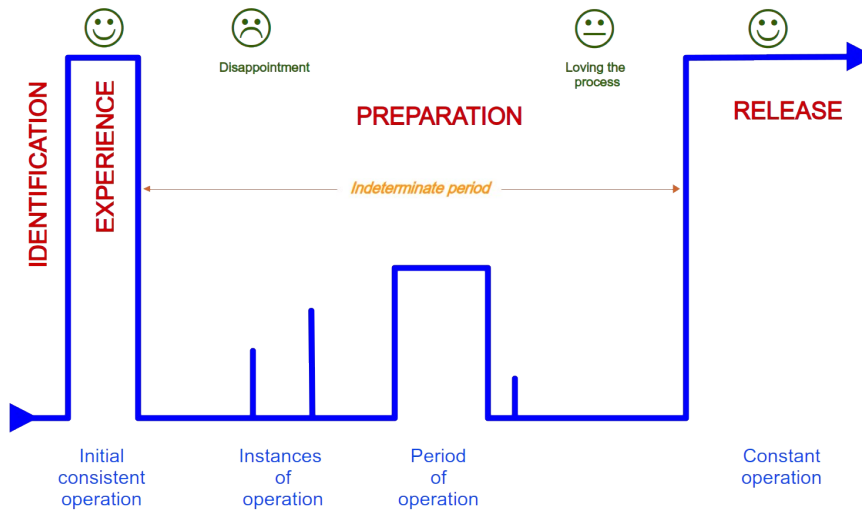
2 – Publisher's note

3 – Rick Joyner (2018) "The Valley, Fire on the Mountain, Book 2" p:4-5

- In gift release, &
- In skill mastery.

Here's a couple of my diagrams to display that similarity.⁴

The Process for Any Kingdom Gift Release



The 4 Steps to Mastery

In these two Kingdom processes there's a dip period of difficulty which is accompanied by disappointment. Note that the disappointment dip is right before a release if the person continues on through the process without rejecting the pressure. This is exactly what occurs in testing periods, but as you can see from both outcomes (RHS of diagrams) perseverance is needed, rather than giving up when it gets tough.

The presence of difficulty, perseverance, disappointment, etc. are negatives that many reject because they think the Kingdom is all about ease (blessing). The source of that erroneous thinking comes from the teaching they've received. However, if they'd dug deeper, they'd have discovered that Jesus said that the Kingdom life isn't easy, and it's necessary to count the cost that will be incurred before embarking on wanting entrance to it.

4 – DIAGRAMS: By Laurence. After Lance Wallnau graphics used in his '7 Mountain Mandate' teaching DVDs. store.morningstarministries.org/products/7-mountain-mandate-3-volume-special-volumes-123

All in all, what we need is patient continuance⁵ so we can stay on course. That will require us to operate out of spiritual reality, not religion or anything else. Spiritual reality is what we know is real from our spiritual experiences with the Trinity. It's knowledge that we 'know that we know'⁶ is true because it's patently obvious⁷ to us. That experience is our genuine testimony that others need to hear when they're ready.



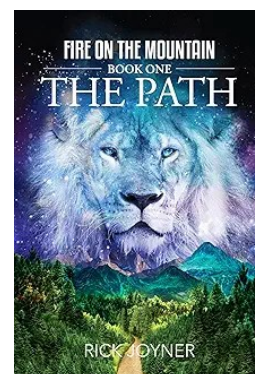
A PERSONAL NOTE

Over the past month or so, I've been in a valley of testing, one of a number I've been through over the past 5 years. I've been tempted in a lot of ways during the current one, to move into somethings that Father doesn't want me to (AKA unrighteous actions), none of which were overtly evil.

During this time I've had no sense of feeling spiritual at all. Did I panic? Did I doubt myself? Did I move back into religion where I felt secure? Did I try to find some sin that was causing a blockage? No! I rested in the fact that I was in oneness with the Trinity, maintained my connectivity with them through communication, and continued to draw my refreshment from them. Then, I went about life as if nothing had changed. That was putting my trust (faith) in the reality of the Internal Kingdom and the reality that life as a son is normal, not 'spooky' spiritual, as I could be tempted to think.

The strongest temptation I had was waking up in the middle of the night and having a very strong sense that I should switch to Îşlâṁ. I assessed the impression for a very short while, wondering why it had come, and where it had come from. Would I try to find some sin that was causing a blockage? I then quickly rejected it by saying "No" to the impression, because it wouldn't align with spiritual reality, and I went back to sleep. That notion has never returned, and I'm not expecting it to because I resisted it from within my being, not just with my mouth and in fear.

To get the context of 'The Valley', it's best to read book #1 in the 'Fire on the Mountain' series, 'The Path'⁸. The series is about the King taking us on a journey out of religion (the church system) and transforming us, through many processes, into the New Jerusalem (AKA 'The Bride'), the entity made of human beings.



ENDORSEMENT



I have not found anything in the content of 'The Path' or 'The Valley' which has contradicted what Father has taught me about the Kingdom and about sonship. That includes the recorded statements by Enoch, Elijah, Adam, Holy Spirit and the King.

I fully endorse what he has written as spiritual guidance for these days.

Updates

Father released this confirmatory message just a few days after I wrote this article:

““ You are in the process of spiritual refinement. You are being tested and purified so that I may find you fit to carry out My purpose in you and your place on the earth. No one can take your place or do what I have intended for you. You alone can carry out your singular objective as you yield to the work of My Spirit, ” says the Lord. ””⁹

5 – “Patient Continuance” (12-9-2023) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Patient-Continuance-is-a-Kingdom-Imperative.pdf

6 – i.e. it's patently obvious to us and we can't deny what we're genuinely experienced.

7 – Patently Obvious: ‘You use patent to describe something, especially something bad, in order to indicate in an emphatic way that you think its nature or existence is clear and obvious.’ www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/patently-obvious

8 – Rick Joyner (2013) “The Path: Fire on the Mountain, Book 1” www.amazon.com.au/Path-Fire-Mountain-Book-ebook/dp/B00GHTL2R8

9 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” Sept.17, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2023.htm]

Father has also instructed us to assess ourselves and make the necessary changes, not just waiting for the Spirit to highlight our blemishes. This is an essential activity for all of us.

“When you are in a holding pattern where there seems to be no change or progress, this time of waiting can either be fruitless or fruitful. You can do nothing, or you can take advantage of this time to examine your attitudes and motivations and make positive and lasting changes. Do not let this opportunity pass you by.”¹⁰

Father has also given us instructions concerning rejection and reproach, tools the enemy uses which exacerbate the chagrin during our testing times:

“I will show you things that you need to recognize from the past; things that will reveal a need for correction. But, you must not dwell on times of rejection and reproach, which could cause you to lose heart. Rather, review difficult times objectively with an eye to make adjustments and then move on. This is an opportunity for freedom and greater spiritual strength.”¹¹

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