

We're Expected to Learn from Difficult Times

Our society today wants everything to go smoothly. We've been lulled into complacency and entitlement, all because of the peace and prosperity that we've been living under since the end of World War II (1945). As a society, we can't handle difficulties very well, and we want others (especially the government) to fix all our problems. We've lost our ability to thrive under all circumstances. We've lost our resilience.

Not surprisingly, this same attitude is rife among believers. This is patently obvious by the way they pray and how they chase after someone else to pray for them to get resolution, instead of working through their situations in partnership with the King. He's wanting us to be victorious and to grow during difficult times, as he stated recently:

*"I want you to come through in victory. That is my will. **Going through difficult times provides an opportunity to learn an important truth that is necessary to your spiritual growth.**"*¹

On another occasion, he showed us that instead of being disheartened when things don't go the way we plan, we are to learn lessons from the experience and grow spiritually:

*"Do not be disheartened when plans do not work out as you expected. This is not the end; it is a time of preparation for what will transpire in your future. **You will learn great and valuable lessons that will transform you and accompany you on your journey to a higher and more complete understanding of spiritual growth.** Stay strong."*²

For Your Consideration

As I write this article, I'm reminded that our King told us that there are difficult times ahead. Especially, that the persecution of Christians would increase in the West in the future as the manifestation of Sons burgeoned. This escalation is to be expected as the enemy wants to eliminate the move of the King to bring about The Restoration of All Things, and therefore, the end of his insurrection and attempt to rule as king. I noted in an editorial this week, 'Christian Oppression Makes a Comeback'³, that the signs of it have already started. Here's what he said in 2019, because I asked him why he was giving us some bleak messages to give to his people in Australia:

*"The messages are bleak because, as my Kingdom expands and my glory is displayed through my people, the enemy will pull out all stops, and will throw everything at those people and those nations that move with me. It will be bleak. It will be more than bleak. But remember, my Kingdom will expand until the whole Earth is filled with the glory that was intended to be displayed at creation has been achieved."*⁴

As this is what's ahead of us, he's preparing us to cope with that eventuality. Therefore, we need to go through difficult times so we can be strengthened, both spiritually and naturally, to enable us to thrive and to support others.

So, think hard about how you respond to difficulties in your life. Look to push through them, conquering them, so you can grow through the experiences.



On a personal note, work for me at the present time has been very difficult, but I've decided not to quit and run away, but to push through until I have victory and leave positively some time in the future. The reason for my stance is contained in the above few paragraphs.

1 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (Apr. 28, 2024) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2024.htm]

2 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (Apr. 30, 2024) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2024.htm]

3 – www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/christian-oppression-makes-a-comeback-5633889

4 – CCOP MESSAGE: "Why Bleak Messages?" (8-11-2019)

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/MESSAGE-Why-Bleak-Messages-8-11-2019.pdf

Over the past months of pressure, Father has impressed on me the need to have victory, conquering myself (soul and mind) which reacts negatively to work situations. I'm learning a lot about myself while I'm there and I can see a great deal that still needs changing to make progress in my growth and development as a son.

If you're going through touch times, keep pushing through in partnership with Father and get the victory, rather than wanting the difficulties to be taken away or running away from them. Here's encouragement to do that because it has great benefits:

“When difficulties and challenges arise, you must be flexible to do what is required of you. Realize that I am with you to give you wisdom and direction in every circumstance. Do not be afraid to step out in faith, and know that you can accomplish what seems to be impossible. Be strong and of good courage,” says the Lord. “Take one step at a time in realizing your goal so that you do not become overwhelmed.””⁵

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