



~ A Deeper Walk of Trust ~

“In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; my soul refused to be comforted.” – Psalm 77:2

In the past, I had been impressed to stay up with the Lord in prayer thru the night. However, I never did it and kept pushing the impression aside. But, God kept working on me. Thru time in my work of intercession and growing with Jesus, one of my prayers had been to recognize the voice of my Jesus over all the other voices in my heart daily and to respond to His. My second prayer was for God to give me His heart for His people that I might be consumed with His passion to serve His people.

One week, I had one of the most grueling weeks I had ever had. Spiritual warfare was strong (with God proving He was stronger) and I was preparing for another speaking engagement on prayer. That week, the Lord revealed a huge call on my life and asked me to trust Him and accept His will for my life in this area. I made the decision to do so realizing that thru this path, I would be experiencing His heart in a way that I would never have otherwise. The very next night I was having my God time and trying to gain clarity on what I was supposed to speak on that weekend. To say I was tired would have been an understatement. It had been a long week for sure. Around 10pm, God started taking me to scriptures that caused me to become a bit concerned.

Immediately I knew thru those scriptures that God was calling me to stay up all night in prayer. But, it didn't seem right to me! I was at my weakest, my most tired moment. I had nothing left in me and God was asking me to stay up all night - on a week night??!! What about work? I honestly could not keep my eyelids open and I told the Lord I was willing but my flesh was weak. I needed divine help if He wanted me to do this. He took me to a specific scripture in answer to this plea and I knew He was serious and wanted me to trust His covenant with me that He would sustain me.

To say that I had a mountain top experience during that first prayer vigil would not be accurate. I've never had to fight with my flesh as much as I did that night over sleep. Individual all night prayers are on a whole different level. But that experience was life altering and it has changed my perspective for good. “Joy cometh in the morning” (Ps. 30:5) and I was filled with joy overflowing as I basked in His presence thru out my morning tasks. God was calling me to enter into His work deeper than ever before. Sleep was the one area I held dear in my heart. I could fast with food, I could do many things God called me to do, but trusting Him with my sleep had been a different story. God waited until I was at my weakest before calling me to stay up with Him; showing me that when He calls me to do something - no matter how difficult it is - His

promise is sure and He will sustain me. The work He's calling me to do will be difficult and seemingly humanly impossible at times. But, I need to understand and believe that nothing is impossible with God and He will never fail. I must believe His covenant.

He also needed to target the area that was weak in submission to Him. He needs all of me in order to use me fully for the work of reaching His people. In order to live His heart, I must die to my own so that I can receive His. Only my all will suffice.

What about you? Is God calling you to a deeper covenant walk with Him? Maybe it's not sleep, but another area that needs to be surrendered in trust to His care. He wants to show you that you can live your faith in your circumstances and trust His promises to see you thru even when it seems impossible. When you do, God will use you to show others to do the same and that they too can trust in their covenant-keeping God.

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