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2nd Timothy 2:12

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Suffer—To permit, endure, bear with.

Suffering is a word neither unbeliever or believer wants to hear. It's something about the word suffering that makes one try to keep from going through it, but according to the word of God, if we suffer with Him, we will reign with Him.

When we read the Bible, every one that was used by God suffered. Suffering brings about stability in the life of a Christian. In the Christian community there's too many weak Christians and it's because they will not allow suffering to mold and shape them.

1st Peter 3:17

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing than for evil doing.

Because we're children of God we will suffer in many ways, but it's to build character, faith, integrity, and a prayer life. God will never allow us to go through something that He hasn't already prepared a way for us to come out victorious. As we suffer, we must keep in mind, God already sees the outcome. He's not going to allow us to go through something with our trust in Him only to come to defeat, that is not the God we serve!

Moses was ordained to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt, but before he could start his commission, Pharaoh would have aborted the plan, if God was not in control of the plan. The children of Israel were in Egypt and they were being afflicted by the Egyptians. Pharaoh instructed the midwives to kill every baby boy and to allow the girls to live because the children of Israel was multiplying even though they were being afflicted. Although they were suffering, God blessed them to increase in number.

During this time Amram and Jochedbed had conceived Moses. Moses was hid for three months until his mother could no longer hide him. She placed him in an ark of bulrushes and placed him by the river bank. His sister Miriam was to watch and see what would happen to him.

God allowed Pharaoh's daughter to be bathing in the river at the time the baby was to pass by. God had placed the baby's sister to be one of Pharaoh's maiden's, she then ask Pharaoh's daughter could she get one of the Hebrews nurses to attend to the child. Pharaoh's daughter gave her permission to do so, the child went and got the child's mother to be his nurse.

Can you imagine before Jochedbed saw what God was doing, she was afraid her baby could die because of Pharaoh's degree? She was hurt because she had to place her baby in the river not knowing Pharaoh's daughter was going to intercept

the child. The woman was suffering, but during her suffering she was placing her trust in God. his nurse and at the appointed time, Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt as God had ordained. When we suffer it's not always to bring about a blessing to us, but to bless someone else. Moses' mother suffered, but her suffering caused many of God's people to be released from bondage through the suffering she went through with her child.

Joseph was someone else that suffered. His stepbrother's hated him, his father and mother didn't understand him because of the dreams God was giving him. He was sold to the Ishmaelite then placed in prison because he wouldn't commit adultery with Potiphar's wife. Although he was in prison, God gave him favor with the guards. While in prison he interpreted a dream for two of the inmates, the words he spoke to them came to pass. One was hanged and the other one was replaced in his position as the chief butler. The chief butler was to remember Joseph, but he forgot about him.

When it was God's appointed time for Joseph to come forth, God gave Pharaoh a dream and he needed someone to interpret the dream. Pharaoh called for all the magicians and wise men, but no one could interpret the dream, then the chief butler remembered Joseph. The chief butler forgot Joseph because it was orchestrated

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by God for Joseph to come forth in God's appointed time. There is an appointed time for everything that happens in our life, and if we trust in God, He will bring us to an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:10

For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

When we have the King of Glory reigning in the inner man there is nothing we can go through and God will not give us the victory in it. God has given us many promises in His Word, and His word cannot return to Him void, but in order for the Word of God to work in our behalf, we must let Jesus reign in our beings, emotions, mind, heart, finances, job and marriage. We cannot place people, or things or ourselves before God and too many times that's exactly what we do.

Matthew 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Attending church alone will not help us to enter into Heaven. When we attend church we're in a building, when we go in the building we the church is in the building. We the church should be a house of worship. We worship God by the way we live our lives not the way we praise Him while we are in the building. The church is a building we go to hear what The Lord is saying to us, just as we attend school or a seminar, we go to get instructions to better our lives. When we go into the building, we are there to hear and follow the instructions given to better our lives. Too many times we

attend the building just to say we have attended church, but the Spirit of God is not living in our church building; the one Jesus died for. We follow the instructions of the doctor, employer, professor, friends and relatives, but we will not follow the instructions that the Bible has given us to assist us to come into the presence of God.

God is a God of love, but He is also a God of wrath. When the children of Israel continued to disobey God, He let their enemies destroy many of them, He removed His arm of protection from them. We are the spiritual Israel and God is continuing to pour out His word through ministers every Sunday and mid-week service, He is trying to prepare His people for the different things that is about to come upon the earth. If we the church don't have the Shepherd and Bishop residing inside of us, we will not be able to make it when we have forsaken our first love. Our education, financial status, our jobs or any other thing will not be able to sustain us! Something is reigning in us, and the way we live our life will reflect whose servants we are.

Romans 6:12

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Sin is not just sexual sins, we commit sins of lying, stealing, envy, jealousy, gossiping, unforgiveness, resentment, ungodly pride, prayerlessness, worry, debt, listening and attending ungodly facilities where Satan is being Magnified and God is not being Glorified. If God wanted us to continue to live as unbelievers, He wouldn't have instructed us to come from out among them.

2nd Corinthians 5:17

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.

The things that the unbeliever says and do, should not be in the believer, there should be a difference between godly and ungodly. If we can continue in sin, what was the purpose of Jesus coming to earth and dying? He came that He could save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

If Jesus is really reigning in us, He has given us the power to conquer sin in our emotions, mentally, and physically. The trouble comes when we don't really have Him living within us. Sin over powers us when we continue to feed it by what we watch, and listen to and when we don't call sin what it is, but make and excuse for it.

If God did not want us to follow His instructions, Apostle Paul wouldn't have prayed for our spirit, soul and body to be blameless until the return of the Lord.

1st Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our spirit must have the Spirit of God residing in it. Our minds, will and thoughts should be submitted to the Spirit of God and the Word of God. Our bodies was purchased with a price, so when we yield our bodies to people we are not

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married to or to instruments, we are yielding our bodies to sin.

We all have sinned and came short of the glory of God, but when we have Jesus the Christ living inside of us, He will give us a desire not to sin against the word of God, although people and things may try to influence us; because we want to obey the word of God, the Spirit of the Lord will restrain us from sinning against God. We must have Jesus living inside of us and we also must have the desire to live according to God's word in our hearts. God has promised us He will give us our hearts desire. If our hearts really want to please God, He will empower us to do so.

God's desire is for us to serve Him freely, He is not going to make any one serve Him that doesn't want to serve Him, but He doesn't want us to continue to come Sunday after Sunday, and mid-week services hearing the word of God and continue in our sins. We can hide our sins from each other, but we cannot hide our sins from God.

Jeremiah 23:24

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? Saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? Saith the Lord.

God is calling for His people to turn from their ways and begin to live according to His way. People are dying and Hell has enlarged itself. Money, fame, education cannot keep us from Hell if that's where we chose to go. We cannot live anyway and expect to go to Heaven, it doesn't go that way according to the Word of God.

God wants to Reign in every area of our life. He wants to Reign in our spirits, hearts, minds, wills, desires, thoughts, emotions, homes, churches, finances, marriages.

He wants to Reign in every area of our being, in every situation and every circumstance!

In order for us to have the power of God really reigning in us as it did with the apostles, we must begin to seek God for spiritual growth and we do it by prayer, fasting, reading and studying God's word as well as applying the word of God to our life daily. Sitting before Him, waiting to see what He has to say. Just sitting in His presence will allow Him to minister to our spirits.

God wants our attention, He wants us to be as attentive to Him as we desire people to be attentive to us. As we spend time with God, it increases our faith and trust in Him. In order to get to know someone, you must spend time with them to get to know them. As we spend time with God in prayer and reading the Bible, we will begin to see how trust worthy God is. God is the only one that can clear our slate of the wrong we have done to ourselves and to others and never bring it back to hurt or shame us.

When we begin to welcome God to reign in us, the worldly desires will no longer have rule over us. The things we use to do and say, places we would go will no longer be an influence, we will be able to fight the good fight of faith when we have the King of Glory Reigning in us.

Matthew 16:26

For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall man give in exchange for his soul?

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