

COMMENTARY

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Living a Life Worthy

Greetings to you, the Body of Christ!

It has been a while since my last letter to you and I'm happy to have the opportunity to do so today. There have been many great things our Lord and Savior is accomplishing for His Glory here in Beautiful Bennington, Vermont!

Our Church here at Harvest is growing with people desiring Jesus, and also growing in maturity in their understanding of God's word, with a hunger and a thirst for more of Him. Our outreaches are harvesting many souls for the kingdom of God; I thank you and appreciate your continued financial support each month.

The next Great Awakening we have been waiting for is going on throughout the nation and the world **now**, can you feel it? It may have come through a great tragedy with the death of a man of God, but isn't that how the Church came about after Christ's death? Two thousand years ago, many saw a public execution of their Savior, only to have Him be Resurrected and walk among them! And because of Jesus' redemptive work back then, Mr. Kirk's death by assassination has raised him to eternal life with our Savior!

Our Father in Heaven, in His infinite wisdom, is using this awful

event like a lit match to dry kindling. As Holy Spirit moves, it is important for you and I to have a righteous spirit - we don't want to squander what the Lord has given us, by missing it because of our own vengeful spirit. I believe I hear God saying, *"Take this moment and make it count!"*



Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus,

¹ "Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." (Ephesians 4:1-4)

We can always find fault in others but we know that before we do that, we must first take a look at the things we are doing. Humility, Gentleness and Patience, sounds like Jesus doesn't it?

Paul may have been talking to the church in Ephesus and about their interactions with each other, but he is also telling us to be united with the Spirit. What does that mean? It means we - us, you and I, today - must be filled with God's disposition, and to model our lives after Christ's. Anger is not a sin, if it propels us to a proper action. That first action is on

Ask yourself, if what you're doing today will get you closer to where you want to be tomorrow.

Anonymous

One day, or day one.
You decide

Anonymous

Nothing comes
from doing nothing.

William Shakespeare

One day your life
will flash before your eyes.
Make sure it's worth watching

Gerard Way

The primary purpose
of reading the Bible
is not to know the Bible
but to know God.

James Merritt

To hunger and thirst after
righteousness is when nothing in
the world can fascinate us so
much as being near God.

Smith Wigglesworth

What [others] most need is to see
in you is a reflection of what God
is like and of the transforming
power of the Gospel. Your life can
create hunger and thirst for God
in others' lives and can be a
powerful instrument in the hand
of the Holy Spirit to draw their
hearts to Christ.

Nancy Leigh DeMoss

"Aaron, don't waste this opportunity to bring many to Me."

our knees in prayer, submitting to His will, not ours.

Often in our Bibles we read in the Old Testament that God's people would walk away from their love of God, and in turn He would bring about correction -- over and over, that story rolls on. At times, their obedience only lasted a generation. What keeps coming to my spirit is, *"Aaron, don't waste this opportunity to bring many to Me."* I say, "Yes, Lord but how?"

As I searched for this answer, a scripture came up. Paul's main message in 2 Timothy 2 is a call for faithfulness and endurance in ministry, using analogies of a soldier, athlete, and farmer to emphasize the need for discipline, focus, and hard work, despite inevitable suffering and opposition.

Yes, God is moving but He is moving through His people. God has answered our cry for revival but for it to continue we must endure the race.

In Paul's analogy about a foot race, there are two things I want you to focus on: hitting a wall, and hitting your stride.

"Hitting a wall" refers to a sudden, debilitating fatigue caused by depleted glycogen (muscle fuel stores). Your body switches to burning fat for energy, which is a slower process, leading to feelings of weakness, sluggishness, and even disorientation.

"Hitting your stride" is referred to as a "kick" or surge: This is a sudden increase in speed and energy at the end of a race, often used to overtake competitors or achieve a personal best time.

How do you set yourself up so you hit your stride? What are favorable conditions? A surge of energy is more likely when you have paced well, taken in enough fuel, and haven't depleted your glycogen stores too early.

We must "pace" ourselves, taking in enough "fuel" (the Word of God) so that we are not depleted. The world is vying for our hearts' attention. We must come together as a body with prayer and fasting for our Nation. We must bind ourselves together as Paul says, making allowances for each other. This unity is what will keep us going when another falls.

You and I have been called to one glorious hope for our Nation's future. Would you join with me and the rest of us here at Harvest in submitting to God and His purposes?

Thank you for reading my heart today,
I love each of you,

Aaron

The Bible is a supernatural book
and can be understood only
by supernatural aid.

A.W. Tozer,
Man – The Dwelling Place of God

Late have I loved you,
O beauty ever ancient, ever new.
Late have I loved you.
You have called to me,
and have called out,
and have shattered my deafness.
You have blazed forth with light
and have put my blindness to flight!
You have sent forth fragrance,
and I have drawn in my breath,
and I pant after you.
I have tasted you,
and I hunger and thirst after you.
You have touched me,
and I have burned for your peace.

Saint Augustine

To be skeptical of the resultant text
of the New Testament books
is to allow all of classical antiquity
to slip into obscurity,
for no documents of the ancient period
are as well attested bibliographically
as the New Testament.
John Warwick Montgomery

The Bible is useful
because it opens our eyes,
and because it's highly impractical
to walk through life
with our eyes closed.

Peter J. Leithart

Heaven is above all yet;
there sits a judge,
That no king can corrupt.
William Shakespeare

Don't ask for life to be easy.
Ask for it to be worth it.

Jim Rohn