

Fighting Against Life's Current

Grow Weary: The Power of Perseverance in Faith

In a world that constantly pushes against our faith, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and want to give up. But God has given us a powerful promise that can sustain us through every challenge: we will reap if we don't grow weary.

Why Does Life Feel Like Swimming Upstream?

Living as a Christian in this world is like being a salmon swimming upstream. The current is always against us because this world system is completely contrary to God's ways. Satan is the god of this world, and everything around us is twisted and perverted from God's original design.

When the world says go one way, that's often a good reason to look the other direction. The Bible tells us there's a way that seems right to man, but the end is death. We're called to go against the current, but we don't do it alone - we do it together, like schools of salmon jumping and fighting their way upstream.

What Happens When We Get Negative?

The pull of this world is incredibly strong. It's not just pulling on our flesh to party or sin - it's pulling on us to be discouraged, to give up, to quit believing God's promises. If we allow negativity to creep in, that current will overwhelm us.

We cannot afford to get negative. The current is too strong, and negativity will kill our ability to keep swimming upstream. We must keep our mouths praising God, speaking His Word, and staying positive about what He's doing in our lives.

How Do Our Words Affect Our Spiritual Journey?

What we're saying is what we're sowing. This is a spiritual reality - our words are seeds that we plant in the spiritual realm. When we speak God's Word, we're sowing good seed

that will produce a harvest. When we speak negatively, we're sowing weeds and thorns that make the path harder for ourselves and others.

The Bible tells us to only say what is needful for edification - things that build up rather than tear down. We need to be path-clearers, not people who set snares and make things harder for others.

Why Don't We See Immediate Results?

Sometimes we quote God's Word and believe His promises, but we don't see immediate results. This doesn't mean the Word isn't working. We live in a world where both good and evil grow together until the harvest time. God allows this because He's giving more people time to get saved.

Our victories aren't just for us - they're clearing paths for others. When we overcome obstacles through faith, we make it easier for other believers to overcome similar challenges. We're preparing the way for God's greater purposes.

What Does It Mean to Not Grow Weary?

Galatians 6:9 gives us this powerful promise: "And let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." This is an absolute guarantee from God - we will reap what we're sowing if we don't give up.

The key is understanding that our labor is not in vain. Every prayer, every act of faith, every time we speak God's Word is accomplishing something in the spiritual realm. We may not see it all now, but we're changing atmospheres, moving mountains, and advancing God's kingdom.

How Do We Support Each Other in This Fight?

We need each other in this upstream journey. Salmon don't swim alone - they travel in schools, encouraging and supporting one another. We need to be in church, connected to other believers, helping restore those who stumble.

Don't wait until you have everything figured out to come to church. That's when you need the body of Christ the most. It's not hypocrisy to exercise faith and put on praise when you're struggling - that's exactly what faith looks like.

What Are We Really Accomplishing?

When we stay faithful and don't grow weary, we're not just affecting our own lives. We're preparing the way for revival, for God's greater purposes in the earth. We're advancing His kingdom with every victory, every step forward.

Our prayers and faithfulness are changing cities, nations, and spiritual atmospheres. We may not see the full impact now, but we're part of God's preparation for what's coming.

Life Application

This week, make a commitment to watch your words carefully. Before speaking, ask yourself: "Am I sowing good seed or weeds?" Choose to speak only things that build up and encourage. When you feel the pull of negativity or discouragement, remember that you're a salmon swimming upstream with purpose, and God has guaranteed your harvest if you don't quit.

Questions for Reflection:

- What negative words or attitudes do I need to repent of and change?
- How can I be a path-clearer rather than someone who makes things harder for others?
- In what areas of my life am I tempted to grow weary, and how can I renew my strength in God's promises?
- How can I better support and encourage other believers who are struggling in their upstream journey?

Remember: You will reap if you don't grow weary. Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Keep swimming, keep fighting, keep believing - your harvest is coming.

Quotes

1. This world is in complete rebellion against God.
2. We're like salmon swimming upstream—we have to go against the current.
3. You can't talk negative and reap a positive outcome.
4. It will be difficult to go upstream against this world's current if there's negativity in you.
5. Your victories are not just for you. Every time you overcome, you make it easier for someone else to overcome.
6. What you say is seed you are sowing—your words are spiritual seeds.
7. Many people set snares for themselves and others with their words.
8. Don't grow weary in doing good, for in due season you will reap—if you do not lose heart. That's a guarantee.
9. When you win, God's agenda advances.
10. Every step forward you take moves the Kingdom of God forward.
11. God wants to enlarge your territory because it impacts His territory. As you increase, His Kingdom expands.
12. We need each other. You need a church family. You need to be in the house of God.
13. It's not hypocrisy to exercise faith and put on the garment of praise when you feel heavy. Choosing to say "praise God" in those moments is faith in action.
14. Our labor is not in vain. We will see results before we leave this earth—things will shift in this city and in this nation.
15. Don't judge by what you see. Things may appear contrary, but don't believe the evidence over God's Word. What He said is what will be.

16. We're like John the Baptist—preparing the way. We are preparing the way for His return—for a mighty outpouring and a great move of the Holy Spirit.

17. It matters that you do well—that you prosper, walk in health, and live productively. Your life impacts the Kingdom of God.

18. You will have what you are saying—what you are reaching for, believing, and praising God for.

19. I am an overcomer because God said I am. It doesn't matter how I feel or what happened yesterday—what He said settles it.

20. I'm doing it God's way, and I will reap His perfect will—healing, strength, provision, and blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

Verses

1. Galatians 6:9

2. 1 Timothy 4:2

3. 1 John 2

4. Proverbs 14:12

5. 1 Corinthians 14:2

6. John 1

7. Galatians 6:1

8. Galatians 6:7

9. Proverbs 8

10. Proverbs 9

11. Ezekiel

Summary

Living as a Christian is like swimming upstream against a world system that opposes God's ways. The key to victory is refusing to grow weary in our faith journey. Our words are seeds that either help or hinder our spiritual progress - we must speak life and encouragement rather than negativity. Though we may not see immediate results, God promises we will reap a harvest if we don't give up. We need each other in this upstream battle, supporting fellow believers and staying connected to the body of Christ. Every prayer, act of faith, and positive word is accomplishing something in the spiritual realm, preparing the way for God's greater purposes.