DON’T BE MISLED BY WEARINESS

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KEY SCRIPTURE — GALATIANS 6:9

> “Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”

THE DANGER OF WEARINESS

Weariness whispers, “What’s the use?” Even faithful believers can become discouraged by opposition, suffering, disappointment, or the absence of visible results. Our significance, however, is not measured by the size of our accomplishments. It is found in the God who called and chose us for His purpose.

WHAT CAUSES SPIRITUAL WEARINESS?

Opposition: Persecution, the struggles of life in a fallen world, and suffering.

Discouragement: Little visible fruit, feelings of insignificance, and circumstances that do not unfold as expected.

Warning signs: Loss of spiritual zeal, misplaced priorities, unfruitfulness, and spiritual decline.

DON’T DESPISE THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS

> Zechariah 4:10 — “For who has despised the day of small things?”

After the return from Babylonian captivity, God’s people began rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. They faced resistance, and the new temple seemed small compared with Solomon’s former temple. Some who remembered the former temple wept at the new foundation (Ezra 3:12). The work eventually stalled, but God had not abandoned His people or withdrawn His calling.

God raised up Haggai and Zechariah to encourage His people to return to the work. Never measure the significance of God’s work by its outward appearance or by comparison with others. Jesus teaches that faithfulness in little matters (Luke 16:10).

GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN

Zechariah 1:1 introduces Zechariah as the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo. The sermon draws encouragement from the meanings and themes associated with their names:

- Zechariah: The LORD remembers.
- Berechiah: The LORD blesses.
- Iddo: A reminder in this message to trust God’s sovereign timing.

God remembers. God blesses. God works according to His appointed time.

THE HARVEST IS WORTH THE WAIT

Sowing and reaping are separated by time. A farmer does not abandon the field simply because the harvest has not yet appeared. We must not abandon our calling because the fruit of our labor is not yet visible.

We sow through our faithfulness. We reap because of God's faithfulness.

NOT BY MIGHT, BUT BY HIS SPIRIT

> Zechariah 4:6 — "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts."

The work God has called us to do does not ultimately depend on our strength, resources, or abilities. We are called to trust and obey, relying on His Spirit.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Have opposition or disappointment caused me to grow weary in my walk with Christ?
2. Have I allowed a lack of visible results to make me question the value of serving God?
3. Am I comparing my calling with what God has called others to do?
4. Where is God asking me to remain faithful even while the harvest seems delayed?
5. What would renewed trust in God's promises and timing look like this week?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Identify one area where discouragement has weakened your enthusiasm for serving God. Commit it to Him in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your strength, restore your zeal, and help you remain faithful.

A FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Revelation 22:12 reminds us that Christ comes with His reward. Your faithfulness matters. Your labor is not forgotten. Your calling is significant because of the One who called you.

DON'T LOSE HEART. DON'T GROW WEARY. DON'T GIVE UP.

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