

IT'S JUST A MOMENT

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TEXT:

2 Corinthians 4:15-17

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SUBJ: It's just a moment!

INTRO: Some of us may be faced with some problems and situations that to the natural eyes it seems like it's a lot for you to deal with OR it's more than you can handle!

(EXP#) Some of y'all may have some family afflictions!

(EXP#) Some of y'all may have some marital afflictions!

(EXP#) Some of y'all may have some financial afflictions!

(EXP#) Some of y'all may have some health afflictions!

(EXP#) Some of y'all may have some spiritual afflictions!

(EXP#) Some of y'all may have some mental afflictions!

(EXP#) Some of y'all may have some job afflictions!

GOD told me to tell you today, that whatever it is your going through OR whatever problem OR situation you're facing; GOD said, "It's just a moment!!"

You just have to hold on and don't faint!

Paul said

2 Corinthians 4:16

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

(MESSAGE)

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life!

(EXP#) No matter what it looks like, don't faint!

(EXP#) No matter how hard it is, don't faint!

(EXP#) No matter how long you've been in there, don't faint!

(EXP#) No matter how long you've been dealing with it, don't faint!

GOD is renewing you day by day! (He's making new life in you day by day!)

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

(EXPOUND) GOD will give you the strength you need to endure, all you have to do is just HOLD ON and don't GIVE UP!

(EXP#) I've been waiting on this job for a long time, just HOLD ON, it's coming!

(EXP#) I've been waiting on GOD to send me a husband, just HOLD ON, he's coming!

(EXP#) I've been waiting for this breakthrough, just HOLD ON, it's coming!

(EXPOUND) Don't give up, just wait on GOD!

Psalm 27:14

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

(EXPOUND) Wait I say on the LORD!

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2 Corinthians 4:17

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How do we deal with our light afflictions?

BODY:

#1 Don't let the moment make you become desperate!

(EXPOUND) It's dangerous for you to operate in of the spirit of Desperation because you put yourself in some bad situations.

(NOTE: When you're desperate, you make rash or extreme decisions.)

This is why Paul tells us in
Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(AMPLIFIED)

Do not be anxious, worried or desperate about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. 7) And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]!

(EXPOUND) See when you're prayerful, you can be in peace! But when you're desperate, all you have is despair!

(NOTE: You have no peace when you're desperate).

(EXP#) Have you ever seen a desperate person operate!

(They're frantic! They're worried! They're irrational! They don't know if they're coming OR going!)

But when you're prayerful, it doesn't matter what's happening or going on in your life, you're at peace!

Paul said in
2 Corinthians 4:8

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair!

(EXPOUND) Even though you're going through a moment, don't let it make you operate in the despair!

#2 Don't magnify the moment, more than you magnify GOD!

(EXPOUND) You can't let how big this moment of time is, be the biggest thing in the moment of time!

(NOTE: No matter how big or bad the situation is right now, it's not bigger or badder than my GOD right now!)

Jeremiah said in

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee!

(EXPOUND) There is nothing too hard for GOD to do! (Say it again!)

(SONG) "My GOD, is big, so strong, so mighty! There's nothing my GOD cannot do!"

(EXPOUND) You have to remember that there Ain't nothing you're dealing with, that GOD can't deal with!

(EXP#) There's no problem, he can't solve!

(EXP#) There's no sickness, he can't heal!

(EXP#) There's no dilemma, he can't deliver you from!

That's why JESUS told us in

Luke 1:37

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

(EXPOUND) Nothing shall be impossible!

Don't magnify the moment, more than you magnify GOD!

#3 Remember that moments are only for a moment!

(EXPOUND) Moments don't last long!

GOD said, "Whatever moment you may be dealing with, it ain't going to last! It's temporary!"

That's why Paul said

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory!

(EXPOUND) You need to remind yourself that this moment ain't going last long!

(NOTE: This is just a temporary!)

GOD said, "Don't let moments become mainstays in your life!"

1 Corinthians 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

CONCLUSION:

#4 Don't let the moment make you miss the move of GOD!

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So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose!

(EXP#) It doesn't matter what it looks like right now, I see it already getting better!

(EXP#) It doesn't matter how bad I feel right now, I see I'm already getting better!

(EXP#) It doesn't matter how bad my circumstances are right now, I see them already getting better!

Because GOD is already working on my behalf!

#5 Trust GOD in the moment!

(EXPOUND) You have to trust GOD in the moment!

That's why Solomon said in
Proverbs 3:5
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

(EXPOUND) When you trust GOD, you don't try to understand what he's doing, you just trust he knows what he's doing!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why you're bringing me through this, but I trust you!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why this happened to me, but I trust you!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why you told me to sow this, but I trust you!

(EXP#) Father, I don't understand why you moved me, but I trust you!

When you trust GOD, you don't try to understand what he's doing, you just trust him!

(EXP#) You can trust him, when you don't know where the money is coming from

for your bills.

(EXP#) You can trust him, when the Doctors don't know what else to do.

(EXP#) You can trust him, when you don't know when the pandemic will be over.

(EXP#) You can trust him, when you don't know what's going on in your life.

Psalm 31:1

In thee, O Lord , do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

(EXPOUND) You can Trust GOD because GOD will never let be ashamed!

GOD said, "for those you who are going through some moments right now, just trust him, even though you can't trace him!"

(EXP#) He said, "Like I told I told Isaiah in 45:2 that I've already gone before you and made the crooked road straights!"

Isaiah 45:2

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

(EXP#) He said, "Like Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:13, There's no moment in time, that I haven't already made a way of escape for!"

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

He said, "Don't magnify the moment, just Trust him in the moment, because the way has already been made for the moment!"

Will you give GOD a praise for what he's doing in this moment in your life!