KEEPING YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD. Sunday, 24th, 2019

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Hebrews 10:35-36-AMP

35 Do not, therefore, *fling away your fearless confidence*, for *it carries* a great and glorious *compensation of reward*.

36 For you have need of <u>steadfast patience and endurance</u>, so that <u>you may perform</u> and <u>fully accomplish the will of God</u>, and <u>thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.</u>

Confidence: the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust.

Compensation: repayment, reimbursement

CJB - ...35,36... So don't throw away that <u>courage of yours</u>, which <u>carries with it</u> such a great reward. For you need to hold out; so that, by <u>having done what God wills</u>, you <u>may receive what he has promised</u>.

Hebrews 10:32-34-GW

- 32 Remember the past, when you first learned the truth. You endured a lot of hardship and pain.
- 33 At times you were publicly insulted and mistreated. At times you associated with people who were treated this way.
- 34 You suffered with prisoners. You were cheerful even though your possessions were stolen, since you know that you have a better and more permanent possession.
- 35 So don't lose your confidence. It will bring you a great reward.

Passion - 32 ...Don't you remember those days right after the Light shined in your hearts? You endured a great marathon season of suffering hardships, **yet you stood your ground.**

Every victory is made up of three parts:

1. The promise and confidence that God is going to come through.

1Thessalonians-3:7-AMP

Brethren, for this reason, in [spite of all] our stress and crushing difficulties we have been filled with comfort and cheer about you [because of] your faith (the leaning of your whole personality on God in complete trust and confidence).

Passion - ...7 So, our dear brothers and sisters, in the midst of all our distress

and difficulties, your steadfastness of faith has greatly encouraged our hearts.

2. The season where it appears nothing is happening.

Galatians 6:9-AMP

- **9** And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.
- **LB** 9 ...And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.

3. The manifestation of the promise.

Hebrews 6:12-NLT

Then you will not become **spiritually dull** and indifferent (uninterested, uninvolved) Instead, **you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.**

Passion - 12 So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance.

Hebrews 11:26-27-AMP

- 26 He considered the contempt and abuse and shame [borne for] the Christ (the Messiah Who was to come) to be greater wealth than all the treasures of Egypt, for he looked forward and away to the reward (recompense).
- 27 [Motivated] by faith he left Egypt behind him, being unawed and undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched but held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible. [Exod. 2:15.]

Passion - ...26 He found his true wealth in suffering abuse for being anointed, more than in anything the world could offer him, for his eyes looked with wonder not on the immediate, but on the ultimate—faith's great reward!

27 Holding faith's promise Moses abandoned Egypt and had no fear of Pharaoh's rage because he persisted in faith as if he had seen God who is unseen.

Confession: I hold fast to my confidence and choose to continue in the will of God. I fix my eyes on Him fully assured that, in due season, I will receive the promise.