Another's Devotional #11

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This devotional from Kay Arthur makes a very much needed appeal today: Maintain | Endure in a **godly perspective** when suffering hardships – of all types. **Don't be like** comedian Billy Crystal who "no longer trusts God." Billy, at present, has fallen away from faith. (see FoxNews.com for their 10/13/2026 article titled *Billy Crystal says he no longer trusts God after losing home of 46 years then his longtime friend Rob Reiner.* Concerning Kay's devotional below: Enjoy. Be edified.

Day Six [Kay's devotional for 'Day 6' – pages 44, 45]

Have you ever been in such anguish, such despair, such confusion that you felt you couldn't go on? Have you ever been overwhelmed with grief? Have you ever been angry—just plain angry—because of what was going on? Angry because you had no control over the situation? Or because of the injustice of it all? Or because what happened shouldn't have happened? And anger welled up within … maybe even at God?

What do you do in situations like these? How do you handle such feelings? How do you survive and come out on top as a conqueror rather than the conquered?

Christians are not exempt from such feelings. Even the spiritually mature can encounter such experiences. And yet, my friend, you don't have to allow these situations to capture you and cast you into a prison of despair. You need to do what Habakkuk did.

When overwhelmed, Habakkuk embraced God. Although his situation never changes as far as we know, he walked as a conqueror. With hinds' feet that did not slip, he walked above his circumstances on the high ground of faith (3:19).

The name *Habakkuk* means "one who embraces or caresses." When God seemed to ignore the sin of Judah, Habakkuk didn't bury his frustration with God. He expressed his anguish with God's seeming silence over all the iniquity he beheld. He didn't hide his feelings or questions under a cloak of spirituality. He didn't stuff them and deny that they burned in his heart. Rather, true to his name, Habakkuk brought it all out in the open and asked his Lord some hard questions. Then in faith he embraced what he knew about His covenant-keeping God and His Word.

And you, Beloved, need to do the same thing. Acknowledge where you are. (God knows anyway!) Then, in faith, embrace what you know about your God.

Do you feel as if God doesn't hear your prayers? Then cry out to Him and see how He answers through our study in the days and weeks to come. God will speak. He may not remove your burden, but through His Word, He will bring you to the point where you can rejoice in Him and find Him as your strength.

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I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
The poor man cried and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
(Psalm 34:4-6)

Don't you know how it touched the Father's heart to have His son Habakkuk embrace Him in faith's love? And say, in essence, "Father, I love You for Who You are, not just for what You can do for me or for what You will do for me. I love You no matter what ... and, Father, I will trust You. I know You love me."

Oh, my friend, will you embrace God in faith? Will you caress Him in unconditional love? Will you please Him with your faith? You were made in His image; God experiences emotion just as you do. Will you be a Habakkuk to your Father God? Tell Him right now.

Taken from *Lord, Where Are You When Bad Things Happen?* by Kay Arthur

God is faithful to the whole Counsel of His Word. Psalm 119:160, "The entirety of Your word is truth. And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever." (NKJV) This means, in part, we must acknowledge God's warnings against apostasy (see articles below) and His call to **endure** in our Faith. Let's NOT be like some who initially confess God but who go on to clearly stop trusting in God and go on to depart from the Faith – Billy Crystal being one recent example (at the time of the writing of this blog). Let's be like Habakkuk and endure in our most precious relationship with God Most High. Let's remember He's coming back for His Children who endure in their faith. [The URL for the link above, for hard copy readers, is: https://www.FinalTrumpet.online/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/EndurancePassages.pdf . Please take the time to ponder these crucial passages. Your eternal state may be influenced, in part, by these Scriptures.]

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