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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the month of June! Not much has changed physically, since we met in May! I am still excited and daunted at the same time, because my God is an awesome God. As each day unfolds and we discover new instructions, and ponder the process of the project we have at hand, we are constantly encouraged; firstly by the Lord, and then by one another as we share in fellowship, and discuss the journey we have chosen to walk by faith. That is why it is still exciting, and yet daunting at the same time!

Let me share with you a couple of verses from Galatians 6:9-10 as written in the Amplified Bible.

Gal 6:9 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.
*Gal 6:10 So then, **as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good [morally] to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual good and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers].***

*As I read these verses the other night, I became quite overwhelmed with emotion. The Lord and I shared some real personal, and emotional, fellowship together. I am forever in awe of His mercy and grace toward me, and toward my fellow believers. He knows the deepest desires of my heart, and I know the vision He has seeded in my heart, and together, we have many business meetings - **(fellowship)**. Just the very thought of my – 'bringing together', the things He has assigned me, is the very reason I am excited, yet daunted, by the whole idea. It can become quite overwhelming; that is, if I step outside the faith realm - into the flesh. I, physically, cannot perform the things He has asked of me. Therein, is the secret to success!!! Stay very close to the source of faith; the blessed Holy Spirit, who empowers us from on High, to be the best we can be. When we practise **walking by FAITH and not by SIGHT**, our*

burdens become so much lighter, just as He said. And our “**impossible**” become His “**possible**”!!! **He is the God of the IMPOSSIBLE!!! Amen!**

So what is my job? To **HEAR and DO!** ...Without question or hesitation.

Delayed obedience is DISOBEDIENCE ...and I do not want to be found guilty.

So, as I journey with my Lord, and our fellow brethren, I am careful to keep my spiritual eyes and ears open - to His still small voice of instruction, and with a spirit of discernment, act upon it. Once I know that I know, these next two verses from the Book of Acts become very relevant to the success or failure of our project at hand. Again, from the Amplified Bible: -

Act 5:38 Now in the present case let me say to you, stand off (withdraw) from these men and let them alone. **For if this doctrine or purpose or undertaking or movement is of human origin, it will fail (be overthrown and come to nothing):**

Act 5:39 **But if it is of God, you will not be able to stop or overthrow or destroy them; you might even be found fighting against God!**

When God is for us, who can be against us? Well, a whole host, I guess. Does it really matter? **Our faith walk must continue, unabated.** Daunting??? Yes; but Oh so exciting!!!

I wonder what God may have asked you to do, today? This week? This month? Have you heard Him whisper something in your ear, and you have chosen to ignore Him? Maybe, hope that He would forget about ever making that suggestion to you? If there is something in your spirit that prompts you to rethink just what His instruction to you was - you may also be wise enough to repent of that misdemeanour, and ask Him again ...“**speak Lord, for your servant is listening**”; just as Samuel did.

There is a wonderful **PEACE** to be enjoyed when we **walk by FAITH!** There is **no confusion** when God is allowed His way in your life. **You both can enjoy an untroubled relationship.** It is a precious place to be. It is trust at its best. It is a **stress free environment**; one to be enjoyed to the full and shared, wherever and whenever possible; with those whom God chooses to bring to our remembrance.

Let me encourage you to **dare to be different**; just one time. If the faith journey is new to you, allow me to encourage you to try it. Get really up close and personal with your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and whisper in His ear that you are willing to trust Him, just this once; and step outside of your personal comfort zone. Try it, and be blessed!!! He said, “**He would never leave you nor forsake you**”, **so take Him at His Word**, and watch Him deliver!!! It is a personal journey you will never regret.

As someone who knows firsthand what an awesome God He is, I would encourage you to stretch yourself, and enquire of the One who knows your every thought; your hearts desires. He holds out His hand, just waiting for you to take hold of it, and walk with Him. Yes, it is daunting!!! But, it will be one of the most exciting decisions you will ever make; and the most rewarding, if you will just believe what He said, and receive Him. He, Jesus, is the greatest

gift you will ever be offered. He, Jesus, represents the eternity, He invites you to share with Him; forever!!!

Remember, that a relationship is always at its best when both people share a dialogue. Listen, ask, hear, and receive! **We are either contributors to, or contaminators of, any relationship.** Don't muddy the waters. The environment is always enjoyed the most, when it is at its purest, brightest and most natural. So practice being all of the above; just you and God! You will be amazed at how your world, (your environment, your relationship,) will become so much brighter, purer and, yes, more natural, the more you practice the two-way dialogue; so much more peaceful and enjoyable. Perfect, in our fleshly form? No! Forgiven? Yes! And **faithfully obedient...**this makes you perfect in His eyes! Now, that should be shoutin' time, about there!!! If you are prepared to reach out **to Him through His Word, and take Him at His Word,** then this verse of scripture will become your compass. Again, from the Amplified Bible:-

Joh 8:32 And you will **know the Truth,** and the **Truth will set you free.**

I pray, as I ***faithfully and obediently embrace*** each new day with excited expectation, that I have encouraged you to try for yourself, the same awesome journey. I trust you be blessed with renewed zeal to ***hear and receive.*** Remember, Jesus is the greatest gift you will ever be offered; but like all gifts, unless **He is received, and applied to your life,** in whatever form you are in need, the healing balm of the Holy Spirit, cannot begin to work for you. **Receive!! Enjoy!!** I love you and pray daily, in Jesus name - ***“Thy will be done in your life”.***

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

