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HOLDING ON TO HOPE

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

REFLECTION

Life often times can be filled with challenges that overwhelm us and make us want to give up our Christian faith. Recall a trying moment in your own life. How did that incident make you feel? What did you do to resolve the problem? Who did you turn to for help? What kept you going? Did you feel like giving up hope? It is normal to be concerned, feel anxious and respond in ways that would help us gain some stability and meaning of our situation. What then keeps us remaining steadfast in God when the going get rough and tough?

The writer of Hebrews encourages his readers that because of who Jesus is – our “great priest over the house of God” (v.21) - and what He has done for us through His sacrifice on the cross (v.19,20), we can have the assurance of faith to come before our heavenly Father to seek His grace in our times of need. Because of who Jesus is and what He has done, we can have the confidence that God hears us when we call out to Him and express our laments to Him; He would not reject us. Because of who Jesus is and what He has done, we can have the needed courage to face life challenges and “work out” those Christian virtues in our lives.

The writer encourages his readers, and us, to “*hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful*”. He recognizes and acknowledges that the Lord Jesus Christ is true and dependable, and would not change with circumstances. His character remains the same yesterday, today and forever. His promises “find their Yes in [Christ]” (1Cor.1:20); they are reliable. Thus, we can place our hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done for all of us. Hold on to Him, our living Hope.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for this living hope that is found only in our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him, we can stand firm even in the most trying times of our lives. Grant us the grace needed that would help us always to seek You and put You first in our lives, that we may live to glorify You all the days of our lives. In Jesus' name we ask, Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Regardless of what you may be thinking or how you would be feeling, take the time to thank God for the hope of salvation that is in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acknowledge that His promise of salvation is for you always regardless of your circumstances. If you are having a trying situation at hand, take the time to tell (even lament to) God what you have been thinking and feeling. Be assured that God listens to what you say and is aware of how you are feeling. Nothing escapes Him. Submit your concerns to God and allow Him to work His way in your life.

- Pray for those whom you know are having a trying time in their lives. Pray for God to strengthen their faith in Him. Pray for God to grace them the needed grace to sustain them especially in their weakest moments. Pray that they may have moments of refreshments through God-sent friends and resources so that they may be encouraged and empowered to journey on.
- Pray for the churches in this nation that believers would remain steadfast and faithful to God even as church services experience tighter safety measures in order to curb further local spread. Pray that the believers would not compromise in their faith and daily walk with God. Pray for God to instil a deep hunger and seeking Him even in such challenging times.
- Pray for those who have yet to know and experience the hope that found in Christ Jesus alone. They may be facing crises in life and not know where or who to turn to. Pray that they may encounter Jesus Christ through divine appointments and place their hope in Him. Pray that God would raise up and send “Philips” in His church to minister to those who are searching for hope in such challenging times.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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