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WHEN GOD CALLS, HE ALSO EQUIPS

“May he equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13:21

REFLECTION

All of us, being good Christians, try our best to obey God's will and do what He has called us to do. However, there are times when we feel that we have no strength or will to do what He wants, we become overburdened and worried that we will end up disobeying the Lord.

But God is not like some unreasonable and demanding boss; when He tells us to do His will, He does not leave us to our own devices. The author of Hebrews prays for his readers in 13:21 with the knowledge that God will equip them with everything good so that they are able to do His will. When the Lord calls us to do something, He will also provide us with the necessary resources and strength to do it.

In addition, God works in us what is pleasing to Him through the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Through Christ, we are able to overcome our sinful nature and the challenges we face. Through the Holy Spirit living in us, God sanctifies our hearts and minds so that our thoughts and desires align with His will. His Spirit empowers us to do the things that He has called us to do.

It is impossible to obey and please God by relying on our own effort and ability. However, through the Lord's sanctification and equipping, we will be able to do His will and please Him in all that we do.

So, if you are feeling overly burdened trying to obey God's Word, if you feel that doing God's will is scary, realise that God has and will equip you with everything you need to obey Him and do His work. His Holy Spirit resides in us, moulding and sanctifying us into greater Christlikeness so that our lives will be pleasing to Him.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, You are the good God who equips us with everything good for doing Your will! Teach us to rely on Your grace to do what You have called us to do and not on our own effort or ability. If we should feel that Your commands are too burdensome or scary, help us to realise that You have and will give us all that we need to obey You and do Your will. Sanctify us by Your Holy Spirit so that our lives will be pleasing to You. Fill us with the resurrection power of Christ to

overcome the challenges we face in doing Your will. Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Let us thank God for the fathers in our life, both our birth fathers as well as our spiritual fathers. We pray that You will give our fathers, both young and experienced, more of Your grace to guide their children in the way of the Lord. We pray also that You will keep them in good health and grant them Your protection in their lives.
- Let us thank God for faithfully seeing BRMC through the last 66 years as a church. We thank God for those who have sown and served sacrificially over the past decades, on whose shoulders we now stand. We pray that God will continue to fulfill His purpose for us as a church community at Barker Road. We pray also for the Lord to lead and guide the pastors and pastoral staff team as they serve in BRMC.
- Let us pray for God to equip us with everything good for doing His will. We pray that God will work mightily in our life so that we may do what is pleasing to Him. We pray also for the Lord to give us more of His grace to do what He calls us to do.
- Let us pray for the families of the many victims who have been killed in the recent shootings in the US. We pray for God to bring comfort to the many grieving families who have lost their loved ones. We pray also for the Lord to bring about just laws regarding gun control that promotes peace and safety for the people in the US.

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy -

to the only God our Savior

be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.”

Jude 24-25