

## A Pastor's Heart

### Encouragement from Pastor McGill

#### NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO QUIT

**Galatians 6:9** *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

How many times have we missed out on God's best because we got frustrated, weary and decided to give up? The Apostle Paul is writing to the Church in Galatia and he is encouraging them to continue to give and continue to do good works in the ministry. The only time to quit something is when God didn't tell you to do it in the first place. Outside of that we must continue to obey the instructions of God. The key here is "in due season" we shall reap IF we don't faint. Only God decides when due season is. We can't call our own season, though many have attempted and failed. Our focus is to not faint. Remember that God is the One who filled you and He put enough in your tank to not run out of fuel before you reach your destination. There is more in you than you realize.

Following the Lord has been the greatest of all journeys in my life and He has shown me many things. There are two things I will share with you today. **First, things will not always happen the way you expect them and second, things can seem to get worse before they get better.**

When God shows you a vision and gives you instructions, there is so much excitement and enthusiasm about fulfilling the vision and seeing what He spoke come to pass. Sometimes we are not prepared mentally for the obstacles and things that are not anticipated. Moses was called by God to deliver the children of Israel from the hand Pharaoh in Egypt. He knew he heard from God and set out to bring these people out of bondage. When he got to Pharaoh, the Egyptian ruler mocked his God and made the children of Israel's task even worse. Moses left Pharaoh dejected and the people he was rescuing did not give Moses a love offering. Listen to what Moses said in **Exodus 5:22-23** *And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? Why is it that thou hast sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.*

Obviously this is not going the way Moses thought and things seemed to get worse not better. Now listen to what God says; **Exodus 6:1-2** *Then the Lord said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. 2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I AM The LORD.*

Once we realize WHO sent us we should be able to finish and not quit. What Moses did not realize initially was that everything was going according to God's plan. Even though it seemed to be getting worse, the truth was they were one step closer to freedom and God's promise to them coming to pass. What would have happened if Moses would have quit after the first attempt to free the Israelites? Now is not the time to quit. Today focus on the right things and make it a great day.

#### Blessings and Peace

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