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DAY 17

GOD PROMISES TO REWARD YOUR DILIGENT SEEKING

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KEY SCRIPTURE

HEBREWS 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Have you even been through a season where everything is nothing like you imagined it to be? As I look at my life today, the past 3 years are not what I had planned. Some things changed unexpectedly, and required lots of faith to hold on to my emotional sanity, family and church life. It felt like the one time I had lost my preschooler at the grocery store for what seemed the longest 10 minutes of my life! Living by faith in a time where things are constantly changing, requires two things:

1. Believe that God exists.
2. Believe that God rewards those who seek Him.

When we pray it requires that we know in our hearts and mind that God is real. Believe that He is. The Greek form of “faith” in the above scripture is πιστις [pis'-tis] that defines as “reliance upon Christ for salvation”. πιστις is “the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and

bestower of eternal salvation through Christ” (i.e., Hebrews 11:6; 12:2; 13:7) Since this word appears over 240 times in the New Testament, it is a very important principle! We are being reminded to be in constant dependency on Him and have the assurance/belief/faith, that He does hear us when we talk to him in prayer.

When we pray, it requires us to not only believe that God is real, but that this living God makes promises that He will not break. A promise is an agreement that assures the person will do what he says he will do. God has promised that there is a reward for those who depend on Him. He gives us peace and security in the most troublesome of times. So, when we pray God’s promises, we are reminding him that we agree to His written word: **Believe God exists + Seek God = Reward.**

During the unexpected troubles or storms, let’s not keep our eyes on the storm, but focus on God’s Word and His promises in so we can get THROUGH with peace of heart and mind.

REFLECTIONS

- What do you hope God will do for you in this season?
- What needs to change in order for you to prepare to receive this?
- What do you hear God saying to you about this?

PRAYER

Father, thank you for giving me faith in Jesus Christ to know that you are in my favour. I pray that in the seasons when everything seems to change, that my dependency on you will help me to adapt to that change and be resilient. Help me to focus on your promises instead of my anxieties so that I may have peace of mind and heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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