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I HAD FAINTED, UNLESS I HAD BELIEVED

*...standing on your God-given dreams in
the face of despair*

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God's Path Is often a Tough Path

Somewhere along the line in your walk with God, you will feel lost. You will be like a small boy trying to catch up with his father. At other times, you will be thoroughly confused because God's ways are not our ways (**Isaiah 55:8-9**).

If you are walking with God and have never been confused, you are not walking with Him yet. I know that the church has equated the church to God because He is the One who sits in the society called the church. So, we think God is the church, but God is not the church.

Some people indeed find it difficult to act on their vision and to believe in their dreams. Because of circumstances that surround their lives and the situations prevailing against them, they are already fainting with regard to what God has said to them. They

are already looking at the promises, thinking that perhaps they did not hear God well. They are already concluding that it may be their presumptions—maybe it is not God after all. They also ask themselves why they are going through the situations they are going through despite all the prayers, fastings, and their commitment to the things of God, including their giving.

In the case of King David, he said he had fainted and despaired; however, only one thing sustained him despite his despair—he had a firmly rooted belief that he would still see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living (**Psalms 27:1-14, KJV**). The goodness of the Lord in this context is not just His mercies but also the performance of that which He had said.

Put yourself in the shoes of David. He did not ask God to come and anoint him in the midst of his brethren. He was just minding his

own business—taking care of the sheep—when the prophet came and told him that God had chosen him as the king in the place of Saul (**1 Samuel 16:13**).

After that, David was promoted from being anointed by God's prophet on the authority and the leading of God to become the armour bearer of the person he was to replace. The armour bearer is the person who must be willing to die for the king (**1 Samuel 16:21**). So, in any battle they went to, David was willing to lay down his life for the person he was supposed to replace. How would you feel if it were you?

Subsequently, David ran into trouble when the women began to sing his praises after he rose in faith to kill Goliath. From that day, King Saul started to seek David's life (**1 Samuel 18:7**), so he began to run for dear life, running from cave to cave and from wilderness to the jungle (**1 Samuel 16:21**).

If you look at it from that background—in a nation where mighty men of war were numbered, only four hundred men who were in debt, discontented, and in distress came to David in the jungle out of an entire nation (**1 Samuel 22**). Then David said, "I had fainted,

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WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and

THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- * By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Ministry of the Word
- ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with
- ➔ Other Believers

OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence



unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living” (**Psalm 27:13 KJV**).

Living Your Dream Amid “Nightmares”

How do you live your dreams amid nightmares? How do you act your vision when everything looks contrary? David said he had fainted, unless he had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. In other words, David believed that he would be king in his lifetime. He believed God did not make a mistake when He sent Samuel to anoint him. There must be something that God was doing that he did not know about, but he was willing to trust God because He has a good reputation for keeping His word (**Matthew 24:35**).

The Danger of Approval Addicts

For some people, the reason they cannot reach their goals is because of what I call “approval addicts.” We want people to approve that we are good. So, we go from “judgement hall” to another “judgement hall.” Rejection becomes judgement that kills us slowly. And because we are looking for approval, we are seeking and willing to please men rather than God. We want to look at their faces before we do anything. As a result, we abandon what God said we should do and refuse to say what He said we should say because we are looking at the faces of the people. We have ultimately become approval addicts!

Jesus Maintained His Confession

If there was anybody who could grant Jesus Christ pardon and release Him, it was Pontius Pilate. If there was anyone, as it were, who possessed the power of life and death to bind and to put in prison and to set free, it was Pilate (**John 18:33-38**).

Jesus did not call Himself the King

of the Jews. When they offered Him the crown, He rejected it (**John 6:15; 18:36**). The confusion in the minds of Peter, James, and John at this time was about when Jesus would set up His kingdom, which He has been talking about (**Mark 1:15, Matthew 4:17; 10:7-8**). They wanted to know when Jesus would deliver them from the tyranny of Rome. But when they saw Jesus being slapped and did not respond—someone who had walked on water before their very eyes—they became confused (**John 18:22-26**).

When they saw Jesus (who had commanded storms to cease, cast out demons, raised the dead, opened blind eyes, and done all kinds of miracles) being beaten and could not do anything, they became even more confused (**John 19:1; 20:30-31; 11:38-44**).

Paul never had the opportunity like the other apostles had with Jesus Christ at the table because he was still a persecutor of the people of the Way, as it was called (**Acts 9:2, 3-9; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14; 7:54-8:1-4, 1 Timothy 1:13**). But on the road to Damascus, he had a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Later, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul looked at what happened to Jesus at the judgement hall in John 18 and began to encourage Timothy, who was about to flee from the ministry.

Stand Your Ground

The first book of Timothy is about church growth. Paul was providing answers to different questions he was being asked about the church. But by the time he got to 2 Timothy 2, the contrary winds had started blowing. In fact, Timothy was about to separate himself from Paul at this time to go his own way. Paul had to write to him not to do so, encouraging him to endure hardness as a good soldier, fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold of eternal life

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

(2 Timothy 2:2-5, 1 Timothy 6:12-16).

You might have told people about your dream just like Joseph did. This means you cannot back out because of the contrary wind. Therefore, you must fight the good fight of faith. You have told the whole world that God called you; stand by your call. You have shared your vision with them; it is not time to quit. People may walk out on you, and even your family may reject you; but you must fight the good fight of faith, stand still and believe God to vindicate you. Do not change what you believe; do not change your testimony; do not back out. Stand your ground! God who quickens all things, who brings even dead dreams and blurred visions to pass, even when all hopes have been lost, will still do what He has promised (**1 Timothy 6:12-16**).

It Is Not Time to Quit

Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords today and forever. But if He had not maintained His confession before Pilate, He would have lost everything. Therefore, it is not time for you to back out. You have no reason to faint as long as you believe in seeing the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Do not walk out of your vision. Do not back out of your dream. Do not drop it for the devil to trample upon. Stand your ground and maintain a good confession before every “Pilate” trying to tell you that your dream will not come to pass. Stand your ground, keep on rejoicing, keep on hoping against hope and keep on believing that there shall be a performance of His promises. None of your God-given dreams will go unfulfilled.