

## **WEEK 6: Not Becoming Weary**

*“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:30-31, KJV)*

Sometimes I feel exhausted; I feel I can't move; even my thoughts are chaotic. I have no power to do things I want to do; even my ability to pray is gone... in fact, even hope seems gone.

The Lord knows that though in our youth we feel strong, we will still at times become weary and faint. I have to tell Him honestly, “I'm tired!”, or “Lord, please come close to me and listen to my heartbeat!” or “Please come and give me a hug!”

*“Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding” (Isaiah 40:28, KJV).* When heavy feet have trudged to the end—gone as far as they possibly can—that is the place where my Lord, who loves me, is waiting for me!

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## **WEEK 7: Being Faithful in Little Things**

*“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.” (Luke 16:10, KJV)*

When I first began to work with [a mission organisation in China], I was very moved by one of its stated aims: “We do the little things, and let Father do the big things!” We would be working together to care for, to encourage and to support missionaries, to share together in extending God's Kingdom. Together we would be helping to join all members of the body, all churches, to respond to God's call to the Chinese.

But only when I actually started doing the work did I understand that my work is just a phone call, a greeting, a time of sharing—small, insignificant things. If you asked me, “What in fact is your position?”... I couldn't even really give you a good answer. But I know that God is using me to accomplish His Great Work.

Suddenly I understood: the reason God taught us to be faithful in small things is that no matter what position we are serving in, everything we do is composed of small things. Only when we do those small things faithfully can we accomplish great things.

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## **WEEK 8: Waiting Silently**

*“I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.” (Psalm 39:9, KJV)*

While we live in this world, people will often hate us, accuse us, slander us—even do us serious harm—and for no good reason.

When we think about the harm that has befallen us, if we only look at our own utter weakness, we will never be able to bear the hurt... the indignation... the injustice. Instead, we'll become filled with self-pity, and even hatred, which will cause us to sin, against others and against God. This will damage our own lives and make helping others impossible.

But when we really see Jesus, the turmoil in our hearts is miraculously calmed. Jesus was sinless... yet He was refused, rejected, chased, abused, whipped, crucified... why then should not I, a sinner, have to meet with such things? Besides, I know that all of the difficulties I encounter are in His hands.

Quiet trust and obedience, not answering back—in this place, the Lord always gives peace that passes understanding.

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### **WEEK 9: Walking with You—By Prayer**

*“Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers...” (Philemon 3-4, KJV)*

Foreign missionaries have left home, family, and friends in order to answer the call of God, for the sake of countless lost souls. They have offered up themselves, they have gone to places that are completely unfamiliar. I believe our Heavenly Father remembers all their difficulty, all that they are giving!

Although I haven't gone out or become a missionary, I still know that in Christ we have all received one Commission. Every morning in prayer, I am with them in the spiritual battle. They are not alone: our Father in heaven is with them, and here on earth we are supporting them by our prayers. May they always be strong and victorious in the Lord's power! How beautiful are the feet of those who bear the Good News, who preach good tidings! May our God Emmanuel be with you all the way!

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### **WEEK 10: The Lilies of the Field**

*“Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? ... And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:26, 28-29, KJV)*

*The ‘Lilies of the Field’* – this has always been a favorite praise song of mine! The lilies of the field are beautifully clothed; and the birds of the air neither plant nor reap, but our Heavenly Father feeds them. And we who are God's children—don't we realise that our Heavenly Father has prepared the very best for us?

The world will pass away, but only the love of the Lord will last forever in our lives. At times when we are tempted by this chaotic, clamouring world, our Heavenly Father reminds us, look down and consider the lilies beside the path: their simple beauty is due to His loving care. He wants us simply to look to Him and to focus on the things He has given to us, because our fulfillment is found in no other place than in God Himself.

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### **WEEK 11: Following in His Footsteps**

*“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps...” (1 Peter 2:21, KJV)*

Being overly busy leads to our being physically tired and spiritually thirsty, and also soon leads to endless complaining

and bitterness. I know that my hope is in God, and if I walk in His will, every step will be a blessing. I don't have the authority to decide whether I will go to the mountaintop or through the valley, and I don't have the ability to decide whether today will be clear or stormy. But I can ask God for courage and faith, because what He grants is power, love, and self-control—not fear!

When we have to walk on water, He holds us up; and when we go through the wilderness, He gives us manna to sustain us. All the circumstances that He allows in our lives will result in the twin blessings of growth and maturity. May the Lord let me learn to trust Him more, to obey Him more, to follow His footsteps!

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## **WEEK 12: Being Mindful of the Things of God**

*“Get behind me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”* (Mark 8:33, NKJV)

Since the Beginning, not being mindful of God's purposes has meant standing on Satan's side. Everything we do needs God at the center. We need to be mindful of *His* purposes.

In learning to be mindful of His purposes, we face two great challenges. First of all, when we are in a difficult situation, our natural first thought is to how to get out of it. In this mindset, we focus on how we can make ourselves more comfortable.

Second, it is so easy to be too concerned about what people think, and to act according to the moral standards of this world. In handling our relationships with others, we often forget to rely on God, instead using human wisdom and acting in accordance with the world's standards. But man's wisdom is limited, and our ability is limited.

The only solution is to learn to be mindful of God's desires and to love according to *His* wisdom. Only then can we truly benefit others; and in this process, we will benefit ourselves as well.

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## **WEEK 13: Receiving Comfort, Then Giving Comfort**

*“Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”* (2 Corinthians 1:4, KJV)

Aboard the *Titanic*, the concertmaster, having played his final performance, put down his bow and said to his fellow musicians, “Playing with you all tonight has been the honor of a lifetime.”

What is really the greatest honor of our lifetimes? Not receiving praise, but giving praise; not receiving comfort, but having the ability to comfort others.

*“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”* (Acts 20:35) If we are able to give, it shows we had something to begin with. In this life, I have one more thing to ask of God: “When I'm in trouble, don't let me lose hope, so that I won't miss the comfort that You have for me!”

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## **WEEK 14: From the Mouth of Babes, Thou Hast Ordained Strength**

*“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.”* (Psalm 8:2, KJV)

China has received the multi-faceted Grace of God. The blood of many foreign missionaries was shed to make China what it is today. But regarding the history of world missions, China is still a mere 'suckling infant'.

Looking at the international situation today, there are many who realise God wants to use China in a great way. But what I know is that God wants to raise up His children and use us, not because we are strong or prosperous, but because of His mercy and great power. God is willing to use vessels of clay.

He is willing to use immature people such as we are, simply because He has mercy on us. He does this in order to build us up and bless us, so that even before His enemies, He can display His power and triumph!