

THE WHY SERIES

A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF LIFE.

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THAT TURNED OUT TO BE THE BIGGEST POLITICAL HOAX IN HISTORY AND THE DEATH OF AMERICA AS WE KNOW IT

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

STOP – PART 2

A “HOW TO” WHEN WE NEED THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Encouragement, Hope, Discipline, Perseverance.

1 Samuel 30:1-6

Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, 2 and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way. 3 So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. 4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. 6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. ***But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.***

by STOP we mean in the negative, STOP to KNOW that being fearful, faithless, doubting, discouraged ends in destruction.

By STOP we mean in the positive, STOP to KNOW being fearless, faith-filled, encouraged, ends in victory!

Isaiah 40:31

But those who **wait** on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Wait heb: **qavah** to wait with expectancy, waiting with full confidence, hope-filled waiting, patiently waiting – knowing what is coming will come.

a perfect example of this is...

Acts 1:4c

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait** for the Promise of the Father,

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4.) Stop to know He will make you invincible

BATTLE FATIGUE

If we are not getting re-fueled, We will be getting weary and we'll lose focus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SebbUbBjhUE>

This Is Encouraging

Joshua 1: 5-6a

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and of good courage,

when you get tired in or of the battle,

- you begin to think about yourself more frequently. (*drift off mission*)
- you begin to ponder, entertain an easier route for you. (*it's just too hard*)
- you begin to imagine that rewards are now owed to you.

we need to tie up **OUR** loose ends of thought
catch the sanctified "violence" of these verses

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but **mighty** in God for **pulling down** strongholds, **5 casting down** arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing** every thought into **captivity** to the obedience of Christ,

Note: The Aggressiveness of the Kingdom Life

Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers **violence**, and the **violent** take it by force.

Isaiah 43:2-3

When you **pass through** the waters, I will be with you; and **through** the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you **walk through** the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. **3** For I am the LORD your God,

We Need Here to Remember What Has Been Taught;

Stop

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1.) Stop to know He is present

This Is Encouraging

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; **Be not dismayed**, for *I am* your God. *I will* strengthen you, **Yes, I will** help you, *I will* uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

2.) Stop to know He is in the impossible

This Is Encouraging

Philippians 4:11-13

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things **I have learned** both to be full and to be hungry, both to **abound** and to **suffer** need. 13 ***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***

The Reason Why This is True is Because, God Himself has a Vested Interest in You.

Psalm 138:8

The LORD will **perfect** that which **concerns me**; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; **do not forsake the works** of Your hands.

Perfect heb. gamar to bring to a **completed** end, to **accomplish**, to finish the **painting** or **portrait**.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Workmanship grk: **poiema**; that which has been (and is being) crafted. A song, poem, project, goal, mission existing in the mind of the originator, the designer, the architect who brings it forth.

Ephesians 1:3-11

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as **He chose us** in Him (when?) before the foundation of the world, (the resulting position of the believer is) that **we** should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 **having predestined us** to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which **He made us accepted** in the Beloved. :7 In Him **we** have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which **He made to abound toward us** in all wisdom and prudence, 9 **having made known to us** the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 **In Him also we have obtained** an inheritance, **being** predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

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3.) Stop to know He is going with you.

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Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, **He is the One who goes with you.** He will not leave you nor forsake you."

4.) Stop to know He will make you invincible

So Now We Pick Back Up In Point 5

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5.) Stop to know He will define your success

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Joshua 1:7-9

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed (well-off, happy, good position) is the man who **walks not** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. 3 (here is the well-off, happy, good positioning) He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

Proverbs 1:1-7a

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: **2** to know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, **3** to receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; **4** to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion— **5** A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, **6** To understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles. **7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,

**To Obey God is to Trust God
with what He has both said and done**

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6.) Stop to know He will hold the pain

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2 Corinthians 12:6-10

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. :7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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7.) Stop to know His future is set in love

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Jeremiah 29:11-14

For **I know the thoughts** that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, **to give** you a **future** and a **hope**. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you, says the LORD,

"If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!"

D.L. Moody

8.) Stop to know He is our anchor of hope

This Is Encouraging

Psalm 31:24

Be of good **courage**, and He shall **strengthen** your heart,
all you who **hope** (wait) in the LORD.

courage heb: chazaq to resolve, be fixed, to grip or fasten yourself to, to prevail, to seize, to lay hold of, to fortify your mind. (to possess an unwavering devotion to one's convictions)

Strengthen heb: amets to become stout, firm, strong, determined, hardened as in battle ready, to be made to be obstinate.

hope heb: yachal, to wait expectantly, to keep waiting with a need.

Waiting is unnatural to our Human Psyche. Our Psyche (Mind) then plays on our Physical body by “nervous energy”

It is so hard to do what we must do to make it to the end,
which is this...

Psalm 46:10a

Be **still**, and (yada) **know** that I am God;

The Invitation To Know Jesus Christ

_____ *End of Study* _____

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