

"Little trials"

By John Newton
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"I think the greatness of trials is to be estimated rather by the impression they make upon our spirits, than by their outward appearance. The smallest will be too heavy for us if we are left to grapple with it in our own strength, or rather weakness. And if the Lord is pleased to put forth his power in us, he can make the heaviest trial light. A lively impression of his love, or of his sufferings for us, or of the glories within the veil, accompanied with a due sense of the misery from which we are redeemed; these thoughts will enable us to be not only submissive—but even joyful, in tribulations. When faith is in exercise, though the *flesh* will have its feelings, the *spirit* will triumph over them. But it is needful that we should know that we have no sufficiency in ourselves, and in order to know it, we must feel it; and therefore the Lord sometimes withdraws his sensible influence, and then the *buzzing of a fly* will be an overmatch for our patience. At other times he will show us what he can do in us and for us; then we can adopt the Apostle's words, and say—I can do and suffer all things, through Christ strengthening me. He has said, My grace is sufficient for you.

It is observable, that the children of God seldom disappoint our expectations under great trials; if they show a wrongness of spirit, it is usually in such little incidents that we are ready to wonder at them. For which, two reasons may be principally assigned. When great trials are in view, we run simply and immediately to our all-sufficient Friend, feel our dependence, and cry in good earnest for help; but if the occasion seems small, we are too apt secretly to lean to our own wisdom and strength, as if in such slight matters we could make shift without him. Therefore in these we often fail.

Again: the Lord deals with us as we sometimes see mothers with their children. When a child begins to walk, he is often very self-important: he thinks he needs no help, and can hardly bear to be supported by the finger of another. Now in such a case, if there is no danger of harm from a fall, as if he is on a plain carpet, the mother will let him alone to try how he can walk. He is pleased at first—but shortly, down he goes! A few experiments of this kind convince him that he is not so strong and able as he thought, and make him willing to be led. But was he upon the brink of a river or a precipice, from whence a fall might be fatal, the tender mother would not trust him to himself—no not for a moment! I have not room to make the application, nor is it needful. It requires the same grace to bear with a right spirit a cross *word*—as a cross *injury*; or the breaking of a china plate—as the death of an only son."

What time I am afraid,
I will trust in thee.

Psalm 56:3

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"Our Prayer List"

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

"Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works"

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

"A Message from Pastor Johnson"

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof..." 1st Peter 5:2

"We are built on the foundation of Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 2:20 - 22 "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

There is no question that the Lord is talking about the local New Testament church here. In verse 19 the Lord said, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of **the household of God;**" The "corner stone" is a large stone firmly at each corner and Jesus Christ is the "chief corner stone" He is named as such because the whole building rests on Him. Brother Oscar Mink, once Pastor of our church and now with the Lord said, "Christ Is The Cornerstone. A Corner Stone Is the Stone Placed In The Corner, Or Angles Of The Foundation Or Sub-Structure Where Two Sides Meet, And By Which They Are Held Together. The "Chief Cornerstone" Is the One, If Removed The Whole Building Would Collapse." When God says, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets," God is speaking of the gospel message of salvation and biblical truth, but the foundation of the church is Jesus Christ because He is the "chief corner stone" of both the church and the truth of the bible. Jesus said in **Matthew 16:18** "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." That "rock" Jesus was talking about was not Peter because he was a (Petros - a piece of rock) the rock (petra - a mass of a rock) is Jesus Christ. The foundation of everything is laid on Jesus Christ because without Him is all comes tumbling down. God said in 1 Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." It doesn't matter if you're talking about the church or the gospel or biblical truth, Jesus is the foundation of it all, and if it is not built on Him then it is built on sand. Matthew 7:26 - 27 "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: (27) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." So, we must ask, why did God say "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets"

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Because as Brother Mink said in his study of Ephesians "We Are Not To Understand By These Words That "The Apostles And Prophets" Are A Part Of The Actual Foundation Of Salvation From Sin, Rather That They Were Apart From Christ, The Original Messengers Of The Truth That Salvation". The Actual foundation of all of it was Jesus Christ, it doesn't matter if you are speaking about the word, the gospel, or the church, Jesus Christ is the foundation and these Apostles and Prophets are the foundation laid on top of Jesus, this is why He is the Chief Cornerstone. However, since these men of old laid the foundation of truth the building continues to be built, "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:" Verse 21. We are framed together on the same foundation as the Apostles and Prophets who are all built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. This is true if you are talking about the word of God, the family of God, or the Lord's churches, we are "all the building fitly framed together" as God has so chosen. And it is because of this foundation, the Apostles and Prophets, and everyone since until today and even into tomorrow, we "are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." That is "For the indwelling, or the dwelling-place, of God." Each individual believer, as well as each individual local church, all built on the foundation of Jesus Christ and the Apostles and Prophets for the purpose to be the "dwelling-place, of God." Built by the Holy Spirit.

Church Information and Happenings.

* **Happy Birthday** to Sister Diane Thomas Sunday June 9th

Psalm 56:09 - 13

"When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know: for God is for me. In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?"

