

Sweetly Bitter — A Costly Calling

"And when they have FINISHED their testimony..." (Revelation 11:7)

These words... glory, they bring me such great assurance and so much comfort. Now, don't miss this beautiful truth. The same God who will give them their assignment, is my Shepherd and King, who has given me mine.

Therefore, the principles are just the same, for me and every other servant, living on mission for Jesus, as it will be for them. I've been given a unique purpose to fulfill, my very own race to run, a clear course to walk for the glory of God, yes, His joy and will has been set before me, yes, my cross to bear, as a witness and testimony to His redeeming grace. Glory... and until I'm FINISHED, with my divine assignment upon this earth, I'm indestructible.

This doesn't mean I can't be harmed, hurt, attacked, taken advantage of or even killed by the enemy, but it does mean I'm indestructible until the mission is finished. And no matter what the enemy is given authority to do with me, it will never work out the way he or they intended. Why? No weapon formed against shall prosper to the full intent of their purpose... they do not have the final word. The Almighty, my answer for life and death and everything in between, the Alpha and Omega, spoke the first word over me and He will have the final word over my life and work. And the same applies to every redeemed servant of the Most High God.

No matter what they have to face, the disciples of the Lord Jesus — are indestructible and unstoppable — until our God and Father decides it's time to bring us home.

He promised, and He's proved it, time and time again, for He cannot lie. So, I encourage you, my friend, to REST in it, WALK by it, REJOICE over it, LEAD others through it and never forget to LOVE from it.

"And when they have FINISHED their testimony..." (Revelation 11:7)

Remember me and visit me... When I found Your words I consumed them, for Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; O Lord of hosts, I am called by Your name... The Lord said to me, "If you return, then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, you shall be as My mouth, let them return to you, but you must not return to them..."

Jeremiah 15:15-21 ; Ezekiel 3 ; Psalm 77: Isaiah 54:16-17

We must ask ourselves:

Is This God or My Anguish Speaking?

Who or what are we listening to?

Notice how the psalmist had a light bulb moment. Yes, a switch flipped when he listened to the audacity of his own voice in despair.

"And I came to realize, "This is (my) ANGUISH, (my) imagination and (my) anxiety and (my) emotions, SPEAKING:" (Psalms 77:10)

What does our anguish sound like?

It has the same kind of spirit as these questions. The questions may be different. They can be worded differently but the spirit of the questions are the same. When anguish speaks it sounds like Psalms 77:7-9

But once the psalmist listened to the folly coming out of his mouth, he realized the birthplace of these questions and quickly recognized their foolishness and said... you can find it in Psalms 77:10-19.

Now, here's the thing... He had something to turn to greater than his own anguish, imagination, anxiety and emotional instability. He had years of being at God's right hand. For at His right hand are all the right pleasures. In His presence is the right place for fullness of joy. In His sanctuary He shows us the right path. In Him we hear from the right Person... and not our ANGUISH.

The psalmist has history with God... he has a relationship, therefore, he returned back to the right fellowship when he recognized his silly pity and remembered what it was like to walk with a King and Shepherd who never runs dry nor forgets to be gracious and fulfill all His promises to His sheep. Glory!

He's promised to withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly with Him. Sometimes the hard thing is a holy thing. The painful thing can be a sanctified thing, a trial ordained by God, that He's using to get Jesus out of you.

He, better than anyone, knows what's best... even when the hard but holy thing was allowed for our good and His glory. We can trust what He knows, even when His best seems undesirable, unbearable and unreasonable at the moment.

Who or what have you been listening to? Your pity or Your Powerful and Praiseworthy King?

Live, my friends, and live with passion for Him, fulfilling a purpose from Him. And always remember, you're indestructible...

May the river of His steadfast love overflow its banks and flood your lives with the overwhelming and refreshing waters of His life and grace.

Acts 23:11-35 ; Romans 8:28-39 ; Isaiah 54:16-17 ; Acts 13:25

#nestingwithjesus #revelation #revelation10 #revelation11 #revelation11and17 #revelation12and11
#Ezekiel3 #Jeremiah15 #Isaiah54and16thru17 #psalms77and6thru9 #psalms73 #psalms43
#psalms84 #indestructible #unstoppable #disciples
#serpent #dragronofold #bytheblood #oftheLamb #Jesus #whenthefinish #onmission
#runningyourrace #thewillofGod #thejoyoftheLord #livecourageously #compeledbyHislove
#constrainedbyHislife #capturedbyHisgrace #tofollowJesus #livingwithcII #livingforJesus #itiswell