

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- April 28, 2016

"The Discipline of Durability"

Tucked away in the folds of Hebrews 11 is a two-word biography worth a second glance: "...he endured" (11:27). Another translation says: "he persevered;" while another says: "he held staunchly to his purpose;" still another says: "he never flinched."

"He" was Moses, the one who hung tough, who was committed to God's desires for his life and decided not to surrender to rising odds. He had staying power. He was faithful. He possessed the discipline of durability.

Moses endured despite the contempt of Pharaoh. No amount of resistance from Egypt's throne dimmed his faithfulness. He stayed at the task God gave him despite the stubbornness of the Israelites who grumbled, blamed, complained and rebelled. Nothing they said or did made Moses retreat. Misunderstood, maligned, murmured against, and misrepresented, Moses "never flinched."

So what's the lesson we can learn from his example? Stand firm when conspirators seem to influence others. Stand firm in the face of the "religious whisperers." Stand firm when those who don't like you seem to be gaining influence.

"Faithful friends" are hard to find – even religious ones. But you have One who will stand firm with you; One who will "never leave you nor forsake you;" "who will stick with you closer than a brother" – and that Durable Friend is the Lord Jesus Christ.

HERE IS THE SECRET – as you yield your life to the Lord's control, you will discover that the key to staying faithful is in trusting the One (the Lord) who is faithful to you!

Have a blessed week!
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