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(All prophecies are Jesus speaking unless otherwise indicated)

It is in the times of affliction, affliction of flesh, affliction of spirit, affliction of mind, affliction of heart, affliction of soul, that I mold you, and I make you, and I strengthen you. And though you don't come out glorious and shiny, you come out useful, you come out humble, and you come out knowing Me, trusting Me.

Having gone through these afflictions, and having cried out unto Me, and having sought My Word for your solace, you have learned the most valuable lesson, the lesson that I am there, that My Spirit will speak unto you, that My Words will comfort you, and that I am your Savior, your God, your Friend, your Comfort, your Lover, your Care-Giver!

For the path of true greatness is the path that goes through Me. And I cannot make you great until you have come unto Me with all of your heart, and with all of your soul, and all of your mind, and all of your strength. For these things that you have passed through are not defeat, they are stepping stones to glory.--Not the glory of man, but the glory of God.--The glory of humility, the glory of utter dependence upon Me, the glory of My Spirit working through the humble heart, through the trusting soul, through the yielded mind, through the loving spirit. ⁽¹⁾

(Jesus speaking:) Through your afflictions you're learning to endure, and you're learning to smile through the pain. You're learning to speak faith, to trust, and to know that even if it looks as though everything is not going the way it should go, I'm not failing, and I'm not deserting or forsaking you. I am answering your prayers. I'm healing you by strengthening your faith and your spirit. For faith is believing in things you don't see or feel. Faith is knowing. ⁽²⁾

My precious one, the moments are numbered; they're not endless, neither do they run by uncounted. They're all measured, and each one that passes is one less that you will ever have to endure again. These moments of affliction - though precious, and though they give you something that cannot be gained any other way - are hard to endure, so I have carefully counted them, and as they pass, they are never to return again.

Trust that these moments of affliction will pass. As they pass, they will leave precious droplets of My Spirit - of wisdom, compassion, brokenness,

humility, grace, and strength in weakness. Each of these little droplets is priceless, and you have been blessed with so many. So rest now as these droplets descend upon you. Trust that I'm counting the moments and that they will soon be gone. (3)

(Jesus speaking:) Faith is the victory!--Faith in Me, faith in My Word, faith in My promises in spite of how you feel, in spite of the circumstances, in spite of the reactions of your body. The Evil One seeks to spread fear and worry, but I am greater than him. Have faith in Me and believe, for I will see you through.

I'm using this little affliction, this little battle, to strengthen your faith. I have delivered and I will deliver because of your faith in Me. In spite of what it seems like outwardly, and in spite of circumstances, in spite of your feelings, you must manifest faith that I will perform My will. You must believe My promises and know that I will see you through.

I care for My Own, and you are one of My precious ones. So use this occasion as an opportunity to strengthen your faith, for I will see you through, and this will give you faith for the greater battles ahead. Simply believe and receive and have faith in My love and My care for you.

The worst thing you can do is to yield to the Enemy's spirit of worry. For through worry you not only weaken your faith muscles but you also weaken your body physically. Faith creates. Faith brings life and strength and energy! There is great power in faith. Whether I choose to allow a light affliction or a heavy affliction, your greatest strength will come through faith to trust in My wisdom and My will for you. (4)

(Jesus speaking:) Don't worry, My love, this too will pass. And as it is with any affliction or battle that you look to Me in, with it will come new maturity and growth, new understanding, new grace, new faith and wisdom. I allow each experience, and through each one there is something I want to impart to you--a gift, a strengthening in some area. If you look to Me in each experience, I am able to do this easily, and you come through more complete and useful than before.

What does it mean to look to Me? It means to turn your face upward, to look into My eyes in the spirit by asking Me how I see things, by trusting Me that I love you and will do that which is best for you, by giving Me your will and yielding to whatever I have brought into your life, and looking for the good in it. When you do that, through our time gazing in each other's eyes in the spirit, I am able to give you not only faith and healing and comfort, but also the deeper things of the spirit that I have in store for you. You gain so much through these types of

experiences.

And so, My love, I have given you this gift of a temporary affliction that through it you might find a new level of faith and trust in Me, and new things of the spirit which I will show you as you look to Me. These new things of the spirit don't always seem like revelations, but they are truths which strengthen your spirit and round you out. They soften you and make you more complete, gentler, more useful.

I love you, and again I tell you that there's nothing to worry about. I've promised you complete protection, and My healing power is available to you. Even if you must walk through the fire you will not be burned, for I will cover you with My presence, protecting you from any harm. ⁽⁵⁾

A Time to Be Alone with the Lord

(Jesus speaking:) Think of this as a good time when you can rest not only your body but your spirit in My arms. When your body is tired and sick, you can't use it to work or move around very much; you have to give it the rest it needs. This is My way of also giving you time alone with Me--time to pray and listen to My Spirit, time to think and meditate and talk to Me, to reflect and commune with Me. Even though your body isn't feeling well, your spirit can spend more time with Me in the bed of love.

This is a sweet touch of My love for you. I've chosen this time for you to be sick, to lie back on your bed, so that you could also lie back and rest in the spirit and take the time your spirit needs to commune with Me.

I want you in My bed of love right now. I want you to cuddle up in the arms of My Spirit and lie with Me. I appreciate your service, and I want you to continue to serve Me, and I will raise you up again to serve Me. But I know what's best for you, and right now time in My arms is even more important than your service.

Even in this discouragement you're being blessed and strengthened as you draw close to Me and let Me uphold you and sustain you. The Enemy would like to keep you discouraged and tell you that you're really out of it or have done something very bad. He'd like you to believe that you're failing or that I am judging you for your sins and shortcomings, that this results from My anger toward you rather than My love for you. He tries to tell all My children the same lies whenever they fight afflictions. But you must not listen to his doubts and fears; you must simply look up to Me and let Me fill you with My whispers, My encouragement, and let Me hold you close and comfort you.

This is not a time of punishment, failure, or defeat, but rather it's a sweet time of communing with Me. A time when your physical body is too weak to do anything but rest on My strength. A time when you must simply trust My Spirit to heal you, and a time when you must look to Me for the grace and strength that you need.

Isn't it a blessing and a wonderful thing to have this special time of sickness when you can draw even closer to Me and listen to My whispers? Know that as you do this, I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will speak to you, so that when you get up from your bed you will find new strength and a new peace of heart and mind. Make wise use of this time of rest, for many things await you.

Invest your time wisely now as you rest in My arms. Use this time to talk to Me, to listen to Me, and to draw new strength of spirit, answers, and a renewing of My Spirit for the days ahead. My Spirit and My anointing are powerful, and I am able to fill your tired and weak body and spirit with even more strength than you had before. ⁽⁶⁾

I do not leave those who trust in Me comfortless (John 14:18). I will help in the hour of pain. I will help your infirmities, for I do make intercession for you.

This is one of the reasons I came to Earth, to live among you, to suffer and to die for you, that I might make intercession for you; that I might intercede for you in your sufferings, in your sickness, and in your pain. I will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able to bear, for I made the way of escape when I took the infirmities of your bodies upon My Own shoulders and received in My Own body your pain. I suffered for you when I died on the cross, and this is the escape route that I have provided for you, for I have already paid the price. Therefore know that if you will cast your burdens on Me, I will sustain you. (1Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 8:17; Psalm 55:22).

Many a man and many a woman in the world have given their life for another. Many have suffered and died for a worthy cause--yet when I gave My life for you, I did not merely die for you. I not only suffered My Own hurt and pain, but it was given to Me to also take on your sufferings and pain. I came in the flesh that I might taste death for every man. I died more than a thousand deaths on that cross; I suffered more than the pain of one man. I died for every man, woman, and child who has ever walked the face of the Earth. I bore the pain of each one. I not only suffered My pain, but I felt your pain also, so that through My stripes you might be healed (Isaiah 53:5).

I took the pain, My children, of each of you, the suffering of each of you. I did not die for only one or feel for only one, but I died for all, I felt for all--each

one's pain, each one's suffering--so that you could have a way of escape. When you cast your burdens, your cares, your sufferings on Me, I will sustain you, because I already bore it for you. I already took on your pain and your sufferings, so that you, through My suffering, may be healed and delivered and find relief in your hour of need.

When I hung on that cross, I paid it all. I endured your suffering that you might be freed, that you might never have to know death--and that you might also be relieved of pain in your hour of need. Therefore, My faithful ones have only to cast their burdens on Me. I already paid the price; I already bore the pain and the suffering upon My shoulders.

Therefore you have only to stand steadfast and know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that I will reveal in you (Romans 8:18). This is the strong consolation that I give to My children--that should you suffer for My Name's sake, you will also receive great grace and glory to endure hardness, for I will keep you in your hour of need with the power of Heaven, and you will be crowned with glory and honor! ⁽⁷⁾

(Dad speaking:) You probably don't feel that you're being much of a blessing, and I'm sure that's one of your biggest battles--feeling so useless. Isn't that how you feel--that you're just being a burden, that you can hardly do anything, that you take people's time, that you don't contribute what you'd like to, when you want to be such a blessing and get so much done?

I know it's very humbling for you to be in such a needy situation, because you're the one who's used to doing the serving and being needed and being in control. You've been strong in your mind, strong in your determination, almost self-willed. You've had such strong willpower that in some cases it's almost been a matter of making up your mind to do something, and then with all of the strength you can muster up, you bring it to pass.

But I've gotta tell you, those days are over, because you don't have enough strength. You don't have enough willpower. You can't, through your own determination, make it any longer.

That's what the Lord is trying to show you, that only He can do it--only His strength, His Word, His inspiration. So He's brought you to the place where all you can do is just lie in His arms. He's made it so obvious because He's taken away all of your strength, all of your natural ability, all of the strength of your mind, your power of concentration, your ability to accomplish--it's all gone.

But don't worry, this is all a part of His plan. This is all a part of the

humbling. It's all part of making you a great man, by making you a weak man. So just relax and let the Lord do it, and flow with His plan. It's simple! Just ask the questions, hear His Words, and do what He says.

I know you're trying hard to learn your lessons, you're trying hard to be humble, and now you're trying hard to be weak. But you see, all you have to do is yield and let the Lord do it. He is doing it! Because your heart is in the right place, the Lord is doing it and you are learning your lessons, you are being made humble, and you are becoming weak in yourself.

It's not something that you can try to do in the arm of the flesh. You can't even work up these lessons or these personal changes, this progress in the spirit. All you can do is yield to what the Lord is doing in your life, the circumstances that He's placed you in, and then He will bring it to pass. Yes, you've gotta do what you can, and you are doing what you can. You're asking for prayer, you're confessing your weaknesses and faults and sins to your loved ones, you're hearing from the Lord and from me, and you're doing what you can to put the counsel we give into practice.

But other than that, you just have to trust that the Lord is doing the rest, and He will, and He is! So know that all is well. Be encouraged. I love you! Love, Dad. ⁽⁸⁾

(Jesus speaking:) Am I not your High Priest, touched by the feeling of your infirmities. My hand is not shortened, that it cannot heal.

Satan desires to have you that he may sift you as wheat, yet I continually pray for you that your faith fail not. Therefore look not on these afflictions as punishment for your sins, for they accomplish a great purpose. Satan walks about as a roaring lion, ranting and raving, enraged, furious and determined more than ever to hurt, to harm, to hinder, to slow you down, to bring you down, looking for a little crack here, a chink there, a weak link, any way he can get in and cause harm.

But Satan trips himself, he falls into a deep ditch, for in his feeble attempts to test you and to bring you down, he creates stepping stones. All things work together for your good because you love Me and have desired Me above all others. Your faith has made you whole. Therefore in his much trying, Satan hangs himself, for he creates but stepping stones. These afflictions are but stepping stones, all working together for good to accomplish My will and My purpose.-- Stepping stones that lead to the path of higher ground of fuller faith and trust in Me.

Therefore rest assured that these afflictions are but stepping stones to accomplish My will. They are multi-colored stepping stones, that through these afflictions you may bear much fruit. For the purpose is multi-colored, multi-purposed.

Fear not, for I walk beside you, and you are encompassed about on every side with mighty angels, warriors and helpers in the Spirit that protect you from the fiery darts of the Evil One.

So I give you these multi-colored stepping stones, that in your affliction many purposes may be established: Greater dependency on Me, greater faith, greater prayer, greater encouragement as you partake of My healing touch, greater power. As you pray and trust in Me for your affliction, it will encourage and increase your faith. ⁽⁹⁾

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