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We Don't Have the Right to Quit

God continues to bless me with knowledge and wisdom. I have found that sometimes this wisdom is gained through painful lessons. Satan is continuously trying to steal, kill and destroy my life as I am sure he is also trying to destroy yours. He appears to try and divert my energy and attention through trials, suffering and heartache. In my distraction Satan would have me move away from the gift that God has placed within me. A gift of God in me is the ability to understand and articulate life's events based upon the word of God. This interpretation for today is that "We don't have the right to quit".

This inspirational message follows a series of progressing lessons which have led me to know that I, and as you will see, you do not have the right to quit. Remember, there is a distinction between giving up/quitting and surrendering. To give up or quit is to stop without having any opportunity or hope of advancement. Surrender, on the other hand is to step back and relinquish power, authority and/or control to a power greater than yourself. This surrender is with the hope that you will be empowered to move forward under the power of that superior authority.

As a child I always heard story's of how my father was known for running through the fields of Alabama with some of the most racist and hate filled police you could find, who would be all to eager to kill him in the event they caught him. I heard that he was known as a hell raiser. Sadly, no one understood his coping tools consisted of run or fight. God was merciful to my father and blessed him with a measure of peace. It came at a blessed time, allowing him to marry and have five children. During which time I saw him get stabbed in the chest with a kitchen knife and get a plate of hot spaghetti dumped in his lap.

I did not understand why he stayed in our house knowing some of the hardships that my father had to endure outside as well as inside of our house. I was at my fathers house (for his fiftieth birthday) when he pulled me to the side and said, "You remind me of myself as I grew up. I had an idea of what I wanted. However, I had so many people trying to force me to do what they wanted of me that I was sidetracked from my purpose. You are different in that though you were beat regularly, you have not been sidetracked. I would sit with your mom many days trying to let her know that many times she would beat you because you were trying to find your way as a man. I stayed in that house because I had to be sure you could stand on your own two feet before I could leave.

I learned from that exchange that I do not have the right to quit. I learned that sometimes a man will have to forego his own liberty, His own freedom, his own right to do as he wants for a greater good. I learned that my father did not give up. He did not quit! He surrendered himself for a purpose that was greater than himself! He did not fail to pass on the message. The message I received was one of commitment. He taught me through his willingness to suffer on my behalf, that I have no right to quit. The message he passed on I have no right to let die with me. Instead I am obligated to fine tune and pass on that message.

Who has paved the way for you? Upon whose back do you stand?

I no longer struggle to understand why so many earthly forces including some loved ones try and stand in the way of my own sons as well many sons of God hearing the truth of sonship articulated based upon experience and supported by the word of God. Satan has been busy waging what appears to be a physical earthly battle. The battle is in actuality a war in the spirit being waged on an earthly plane. Satan has been given a glimpse into his own future and is seeking by what ever means necessary to alter the course of his future. He wants to prevent the message of God from reaching the men of God prior to those men being able to pass the message on.

Having discussed my father's experiences I turn to experiences of my own. As I grew up I experienced much that I believed was a society bent on destroying black men. I lived through the riots of Newark, New Jersey; the racism of the Vailsburg area of Newark belching forth hatred espoused and perpetrated by people trying to keep us out of what was felt to be their neighborhood, public pool and even high school. I had to deal with some justified and some misguided parental correction. I had to deal with life on the street that nearly killed me on several occasions and sought to hinder my opportunity to grow and to pass on God's message. God, through His permissive will has even allowed me late in life to partake of experiences that has sensitized me to a whole new group of son's.

Through my many trials I could hear my father's message, "You don't have the right to quit." As I listened to the message I learned ways of fighting this earthly war that allowed me to remain active and functional in society. I learned that things like sports, academics, politics, law enforcement and the legal system provided tools that enabled me to fight on an earthly plane without quitting. Drug addiction and later incarceration has lifted my eyes off of this earthly plane. I have through them been allowed to see that this battle to destroy God's message can only be won as I surrender to the person and power of the lord Jesus Christ. The more I come to understand this message, the more Satan has sought to silence my voice and derail the delivery of a message of commitment to the sons of God.

Having seen and understood the battles of my father and those that were my own, it occurred to me that some reading this message may not have been raised by or even knows of their earthly father. God in His infinite wisdom has revealed to me the foundation upon which my experiences have been based. That foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God"
Hebrews 12:2

We look to Jesus and find Him to be the ultimate example of the obedience of the Son to the Father.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:5-8

Check the scripture

1. *Hebrews 12:2*
2. *Philippians 2:5-8*
3. *Luke 22:44 and*

This is what Christ did as He surrendered His own personal liberty for a greater good i.e. that the world through Him might be saved. This surrender was not easy to achieve. In fact scripture notes that Christ allowed the thought of quitting to surface as He went to the Garden of Gethsemane and fell to His knees on three occasions' in an attempt to avoid this experience. His prayer was filled with an anguish of Spirit.

"And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22:44

The prayers of Jesus Christ ended with a resolve to surrender His own life through much suffering so that you and I might be saved. He counted His own life of no value in relation to our lost, sin sick souls.

"I am crucified with Christ: never the less I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" Galatians 2:20

You see brethren neither you nor I have the right to quit. We must pass on this message of commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ which was given to us at such a great price. The very life that we live is not our own.

Please recall the many sacrifices made that you might receive this message and know assuredly, "You don't have the right to quit".

Serving Christ
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From a Cell

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Ministry Needs

Praise God:

I believe as God said, He will supply our need according to His riches in glory. That you might be made aware of those present needs please find listed below the needs of ALM's Ministry International, Inc. as we know them.

It is my intention to fulfill the ministry God has placed in my heart. I am prayerful that God would touch those whom He has anointed to be a blessing or participant in this ministry. I have nearly completed the business plan inclusive of a blueprint of the facility wherein the halfway house would be located. If God has so ordained it would be a blessing to receive your assistance in the development of this ministry. Please contact us in the event God has led you to assist and/or forward this to any which you believe may through prayer be interested in assisting in the following areas:

- Prayer
- Secure 501 C3
- Assist in completion of business plan
 - a. Cost Analysis
 - b. Secure Financing and/or Grant Writer
 - c. Marketing Plan
- Web Site Development (concept provided)
- Editing
- Secure copyright of manuscript(s)
- Prayer

I do thank you for having taken the time to review this information. I pray that God will open your heart to being a blessing to his kingdom by assisting in the development of this ministry.

Donations

The word of **God** admonishes us to owe no man anything except love. Therefore, we have made it possible for our visiting friends to assist us in maintaining our facility and our web presence by sowing seed into this ministry. Initial financing will be used to secure 501-C-3 status.

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