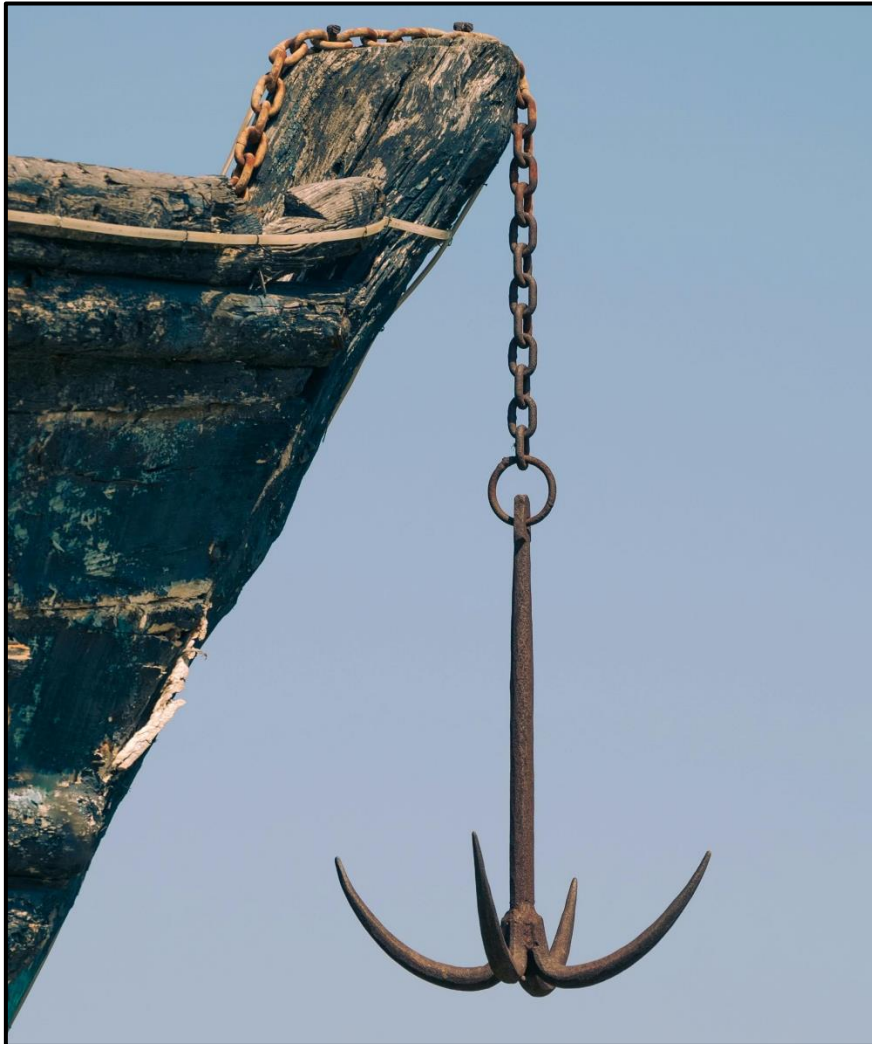


HOLD ONTO HOPE

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Hello precious saints;

Did you know the word 'saint' in the Greek means 'the called out ones', so you are the called out one, called out of compromise, called out of mediocrity, called out of religion, into deep and intimate relationship with Jesus.

Now I want to say to you at the outset, I really suggest that you download this message, as you will need to re-listen to it in the days ahead. Save it somewhere where you know where to find it, because you are going to need to be reminded of the Scriptures and the principles that the Holy Spirit has highlighted in this message, which is called 'Hold Onto Hope'.

Now I don't know about the week you have had, but I have felt stretched beyond measure, and I cried out to the Lord, "When will this holding pattern end?" Of course I did not get an answer, and as most of the remnant know, we are in endurance training. So what is the advice of our heavenly Coach at this time? Now as I was crying out to the Lord in my training in this week; training in endurance, He dropped a Scripture into my heart, and it is the second part of Hebrews 10:25. It says,

"Encouraging one another all the more faithfully, as you see the day approaching."

That word 'encourage' is G3870, parakaleo; it means 'to console, to encourage, to strengthen, to comfort, to instruct'. So God is saying that we are to encourage, console, and strengthen one another MORE faithfully than we have done in the past, as we see the day approaching. Why must we do it more? Because of what we see going on around us. We have to urge one another to keep going, keep loving, keep trusting, even as the dense darkness increases. We all need encouragement. The day that we have longed for is approaching, but it is not yet here.

So if the Holy Spirit lays another member of the remnant company on your heart, do not hesitate to contact them, do not hesitate to pray for them, do not hesitate to speak a word of encouragement to them; we all need to know that we are not standing alone, and we need one another's encouragement, we need one another's consolation and exhortation more than ever, as the time goes by and the Day of the Lord's coming gets closer and closer.

I really felt the Holy Spirit saying to us, **"In the days ahead don't give up your hope, hold onto it."** Hebrews 10:35 says,

"We must not fling away our fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward." Verse 36 says, *"You have need of steadfast patience and endurance so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God and thus receive and carry away and enjoy to the full what is promised."* That of course is the Amplified Version.

So what does the word 'confidence' mean in the Greek? It means 'freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech, openly, frankly, without concealment, having boldness and cheerful courage'. In other words, when He says 'don't fling away your fearless confidence', He is saying, "Don't go into hiding, be bold about what you believe, be bold about what you are hoping for, have unreservedness in speech and freedom in speaking."

Then it says you have need of patience and endurance. Well we are in endurance training now; why do you think God is putting us through that? Because we need to know how to endure with what is coming, Beloved. Confidence is connected to having a strong hope, so don't lose your hope as things get more and more chaotic around you. HOLD onto it. This will be the enemy's main target amongst the remnant, to decimate their hope and get them to fall into unbelief and despair.

As persecution increases, and the days get speedily darker, there will be a sifting amongst God's people. Let's read Daniel 11, from verse 32, speaking about the actions of the antichrist;

"And such as violate the covenant he will pervert and seduce with flatteries that the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and stand firm, and do exploits. Those who are wise and understanding amongst the people shall instruct many and make them understand; yet some shall fall by the sword, by flame, by captivity and plunder for many days."

Beloved, when you see some fall by sword and flame, captivity and plunder, do not lose your hope, do not let it be stolen from you. Verse 34 says,

"Now when they fall, they will receive a little help, and many shall join themselves to them with flatteries and hypocrisies."

So you see, there is going to be mixture amongst the people of God that are named as wise. Those that are not truly believers are going to infiltrate their ranks and they will influence others. Verse 35 says,

"And some of those who are wise, prudent and understanding shall be weakened and fall." In the Amplified it says, "Thus then the insincere amongst the people will lose courage and become deserters. It will be a test to refine, to purify and to make those amongst God's people white, even unto the time of the end, because it is yet for a time appointed."

So this time when the antichrist is doing his thing is a time of great testing, refining and purifying for the people of God, and there is going to be falling away, even amongst the wise, because of influence. Remember in the garden of Eden, a serpent said to Eve, "Did God really say...?" He sowed doubt into her heart, and she looked with her natural eyes, formed her own opinions, and then stepped into sin.

Beloved, we don't want to among those who are weakened and fall, becoming deserters. So how do we ensure that we are counted amongst the wise, remain standing firm and doing exploits for God? Let's look at Jesus our example. It says that Jesus, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross and the 3½ watches of being greatly persecuted by the religious authorities and the Romans before His assignment was complete, and He could shout out, *"It is finished!"*. He endured. Endurance is something we are going to need. That is why God is putting us through endurance training now, so that we will be equipped to stand firm.

So how do we keep the faith and hold onto hope? It has to do with putting yourself in remembrance of what is written, for He who promised is faithful, and it is impossible for God to lie. Titus 2:12 says,

*"The grace of God has trained us to reject and renounce all ungodliness and worldly desires, to live discreet, self-controlled, upright lives in this present world, waiting and looking for the fulfilment of our blessed **hope**, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ."*

What is our hope? It is His appearing, and for those who have been given the light to see the truth of this, He is coming to be glorified IN His saints before He comes FOR His called out ones. That Scripture in Titus 2:12 uses the word *'appearing'* and in the Greek that word means *'manifestation'*. In other words, it comes into plain sight; something which is hidden comes into plain sight. 2 Thessalonians 1:10 says,

*"When He comes to be glorified **in** His saints, and on that day He will be made more glorious **in** His consecrated people, and He will be marveled at and admired, in His glory reflected in all who have believed."*

I was listening to a prophetic word, someone was sharing how the Spirit had told them there was a plague incoming, (they did say before the November elections in USA), for which there would be no antidote. He said in the vision that he was given, that there was a remnant that had light surrounding them and the plague couldn't touch them. There was a honey-coloured substance flowing from them continuously, as they went amongst the sick and prayed for people in the name of Jesus, and they were healed. So dense darkness will be upon the people, plagues will be ravaging, but like Psalm 91 says,

"No plague will come near your tent (your earthen vessel).... You do not need to fear the plague that stalks in darkness."

You will witness the reward of the wicked all around you, and the glory of God in you will flow to others as you lay hands on the sick and they are instantly healed in the name of Jesus. So this is our hope, Beloved, hold onto it, wait with cheerful expectation.

In Romans 4, it speaks about Abraham, the father of faith, who when there was no reason for hope because he was so old, he hoped on in faith. Let's read that, Romans 4:18, reading from the Amplified,

"For Abraham, human reason for hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised. He did not weaken in faith when he considered the utter impotence of his own body which was as good as dead, because he was about 100 years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's deadened womb."

So it says he was completely unable to bring about the promise's manifestation by himself - his flesh was incapable of doing it. In verse 20,

"No unbelief or distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith, as he gave praise and

glory to God, fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and do what He had promised."

It is amazing! What an example for us. He was not shaken at all, but as he praised and thanked God for the fulfilment of the promise, he grew strong. That word 'hope' used there is 'elpis', it means 'to anticipate with pleasure, expectation or confidence'. That is what hope is. You are looking forward to something that you just know is going to happen, and it is something very good. Hope is not wobbly, hope is a source of strength. You must hold onto your hope, Beloved, don't let it be robbed from you, no matter what is going on around you.

Abraham did not stagger through unbelief, even though year after year passed without manifestation of that promise of a son. He was fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform. Do you believe God is able and capable of doing what He promised? Colossian 1:27 says, "*Christ in you the hope of glory.*" Are you eagerly anticipating and expecting and confidently waiting for the glory of God? Romans 5:2 in the second part of the verse says,

*"Let us rejoice and exult in **our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God.** Moreover, let us be full of joy now, let us exult and triumph in our troubles, and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance; and endurance develops maturity of character, and character of this sort produces the habit of joyful and confident hope of salvation, and such hope never disappoints or deludes us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."*

So there is an order that happens here. God allows tribulation to come in order to produce patience and endurance in us, and that endurance produces, in the Amplified it says 'maturity of character'. The Greek word also means 'trustiness, a specimen of tried worth'. So when God allows us to undergo tribulation, it builds endurance in us, and we become a saint who has been tried and is known to be trustworthy, and that tried worth produces hope bubbling up in our hearts. Why is God putting you through such difficult preparation, where you are stretched beyond measure? He has been producing a specimen of tried worth and approved character. Once this is achieved, the God of hope can pour into you an overflowing unshakeable hope of receiving what He has promised.

Romans 15:4 is a lovely Scripture. It says,

"Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by endurance and the encouragement from the Scriptures we might hold fast to and cherish hope."

So the Word of God is to teach us and comfort us, and as we endure in the troubles, in the 'thlipsis', in the tribulation, because we get the comfort from the Word of God, we can hold fast to HOPE. Understand that God is both the source of the power of endurance AND encouragement and comfort. Romans 15:5 says this,

"Now may the God who gives the power of patient endurance, and who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

He is the God of HOPE, He is the God of all COMFORT, He is the God who gives the power to ENDURE. He is your source, you don't need to look anywhere else. If you are feeling like you can't endure, it is God who gives you the power of endurance in troubles. If you are feeling discouraged, He is the One who supplies encouragement through the Scriptures, and comforts you. He is the God of all comfort, and He will feed and strengthen you to endure through His Word - that is why you have to stay in the Word!

Romans 15:13 is a beautiful Scripture. It says,

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit."

This is my prayer for you precious remnant, that you would be filled with all joy and peace in believing, so that may ABOUND WITH HOPE, through the power of the Holy Spirit. That word 'abound' in Greek means 'a thing which comes in abundance or overflows to one, something that falls to the

lot of someone in large measure'. So you're not just going to have a little bit of hope, you are going to have a large measure, an overflowing abundant hope.

Now I want to just speak to you a little bit more about being stretched beyond measure, more than others. The Lord did say to me that I am ministering to the tip of the spear in these days. Now an arrow tip or a spear tip, when you are making that spearhead or arrowhead, it starts with a lump of metal that is subjected to blows from the blacksmith's hammer, and being held in the refiner's fire, and then the arrow tip or the spearhead tip is drawn forth and hammered from the homogenous lump of metal. Those who make up the tip of the spear were once part of the crowd, once part of the whole lump, but God determined that they would be pushed further, subjected to greater shaping and pressure, and heat, and then to be greatly sharpened for penetration on the target. So the tip of the spear has a lot more dealings from the hand of God in the arena of refining and shaping and purifying and sharpening - much more than the rest of the head of the spear, or the arrowhead.

Hebrews 6:18 speaks about hope. It says,

*"This was so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to ever prove false or deceive us, we who have fled to Him for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the **hope** appointed for us. Now we have this hope as a steadfast anchor for our souls – it is a hope that reaches further and enters into the very certainty of the presence within the veil, where Jesus has entered in for us in advance, a forerunner having become a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."*

A forerunner is one who comes in advance to a place where the rest are to follow. So Jesus was the original forerunner, He was the original first 'tip of the spear', and He went into the presence beyond the veil. He was despised and rejected by men, yet chosen by the Father to go ahead and make a way for others. Only a forerunner, and those in the tip of the spear, will understand the price paid as they stand in that position, and it is of God's choosing, not man's ambition, who is positioned as the tip of the spear. They have walked through the fire, heated 7 times hotter, have been subjected to greater trials and more difficult circumstances for the assaying of their hearts. More attention and more workmanship is put into the tip

of the spear than into the rest of the spearhead. If you feel like God is dealing with you ever more strictly than other saints that you see around you - what they can do you can't do, what you undergo they have never walked through, that is because you are the tip of the spear.

Jesus, the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, God's Servant the Branch, operated as both a Priest and a King, and in this day He is bringing forth a Melchizedek Priesthood. Do you remember that Joshua the High Priest had to have his priestly garment removed before being robed in garments of State, in the book of Zechariah God said to Joshua that he, and his friends who were in front of him, were 'men of a sign', it says in the King James, or 'men of miracles'. He did not say the whole of Israel would be men of miracles, just that small remnant, this tip of the spear, Melchizedek priesthood, operating in the seven spirits of God.

You know, not all the royal family are crowned king. It is the portion of the first born, the son of the Right Hand. He is the one who is set in place and takes over his father's business and is crowned and give authority and anointing to operate in a kingly portion. Not all the royal family sit on the throne. We know that all of creation is groaning, waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of the Right Hand. It is the Sons of the Right Hand who get the double portion inheritance.

If you have read the book of Zechariah, you know that when he had the vision of the olive trees and the lampstand in Zechariah 4, he asked a very important question. Zechariah 4:12,

*"And a second time I said to him, what are these two olive **branches** which are beside two golden tubes by which the golden oil is emptied out? And he answered me, do you not know what these are? And I said no my lord. Then he said these are the two sons of oil who stand before the Lord of the whole earth."*

That word 'branches' - 'what are these two olive branches' is H7641, it means 'an ear of grain, a stream or a branch' and it comes from a root word 'to flow'. Those words which are translated 'the sons of oil' actually says in the Hebrew 'the anointed sons', So it is speaking of being crowned with an anointing. It is the BRANCH that supplies the oil to the lampstand in Zechariah's vision, not the whole tree, but **two olive branches**.

In the same way as it is not the whole royal family that is crowned king, it is not the whole olive tree in Zechariah's vision that supplies oil, it is two specific branches, and we know that that vision is connected to Revelation 11:3 where God says He will grant power to His two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1260 days clothed in sackcloth. That word translated 'prophesy' means 'to speak under divine inspiration' for 3½ years.

Wearing sackcloth is a sign of grief, in other words, the two witness companies are going to be surrounded by events that cause great grief, but the oil of anointing is going to flow from them continually, and they are going to speak under divine inspiration for 1260 days. In just the same way as in Zechariah's vision, the two olive branches just kept supplying oil. That oil represents the speaking under divine inspiration to bring light to the lampstand. It is the Melchizedek priesthood sons of oil who will walk in the power of the seven Spirits of God and do miracles, supplying a ceaseless supply of oil to the lampstand, which represents the Church.

It was not all the branches of the olive tree which supplied oil, two particular branches. It was not all of Israel that God said in Zechariah 3 who would be men of miracles. Let's read verse 8 together,

"Hear now O Joshua the high priest, you and your colleagues who usually sit before you – they are men who are a sign (in Hebrew it says men of miracles) for behold I will bring forth my servant the Branch."

Zechariah 6:12 says,

"Thus says the Lord, behold a Man whose name is the Branch, He will grow up in His place and He will build the true temple of the LORD."

So those who form His servant, His 'bondservant' that word is, His bondservant the Branch, will be building, will be speaking under divine inspiration, will have continual oil of anointing flowing from them.

Isaiah 4:2 says something very interesting. It says,

"In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be excellent and lovely to those of Israel who have escaped."

That word 'escaped' also means 'remnant'. So this is speaking about the time after the Spirit of judgement and burning has passed through God's people, a time of great sifting, a time of removing the hypocrites and the insincere and those who walk in sin but name the name of the Lord. The remnant that is left after that, make up the Branch of the Lord, and they will be beautiful and glorious and bear much fruit.

I John 3:2 says,

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is, and every man that has this hope in him, purifies himself, even as He is pure."

So it is speaking about when we have a hope within us of His appearing, it triggers the preparation and the purification of our heart; we get ourselves ready. It says we will see Him as He is. That word 'see' in the Greek means 'to gaze with wide open eyes at something remarkable'. So it is not talking about a casual glance, "Oh, there is Jesus..." manifesting. It is talking about, "WOW, look at that!" And the word translated 'appear' in the Greek means 'to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown, to manifest whether by words or deeds', and it comes from a root word which means 'shining'.

Does it not say *"Arise and shine for the glory of God has risen upon you"*? This is why we purify ourselves, this is why we go through the preparation, because He is going to make Himself manifest within us, whether by words or deeds, He is going to shine in us, the glory of God is going to be visible. He is going to be made manifest within His sons. He is coming to be glorified in His saints, and admired to all those who believe. They will walk in the pleroma or the fullness of the seven Spirits of God as anointed sons of the Right Hand.

You know, Moses was also a 'tip of the spear'. It speaks of him in the faith chapter. In Hebrews 11:27 it says this,

"Motivated by faith, he left Egypt behind him, being undismayed by the wrath of the king", so he is not affected by Pharaoh's tantrums, "for he never flinched, but held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly, as one who gazed on Him who is invisible."

So Moses' eyes are fixed on the invisible God. That word 'gazed' in the Greek is 'horao'; it means 'to stare at, to discern clearly, or to experience'. Moses, the tip of the spear, discerned clearly and experienced Him who is invisible, and this is the secret to him never flinching and enduring steadfastly.

Beloved, there is an endtime anointing, a portion for the remnant. It is the pleroma, or the fullness of God. Hold onto your hope, Beloved, don't fix your eyes on the increasing darkness. Your eyes and ears are gates; closely guard what you let into your being. The antichrist is coming in on the wing of abominations and I think the Olympic Games in France have given us some idea of what those abominations are like. Don't defile your vessel by gazing fixedly on those abominations. Darkness will try and invade your vessel any way it can. Use the 'off' button and fix your eyes upon His face, gaze on Him who is invisible but who will be made visible and manifest within YOU. He is the author and finisher of our faith, and He is well able to do what He has promised.

Dense darkness will blanket the earth but His tried and trustworthy vessels will arise and shine with the glory of God. Hold onto your hope until it becomes realization, Beloved. Do not let it be stolen from you. It is hope that strengthens you, an unwavering hope, not a wobbly hope, like Abraham, FULLY PERSUADED that what God has promised He is able also to perform. Hallelujah!

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your endurance training. Even though you feel stretched beyond measure, He who promised is faithful and He will do it.

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