

The Judge Who Judges — The Judgements of the Judges

Praise must start somewhere... may it start with us that our neighbors and the nations may see it and join us.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth. Psalm 25:10

MERCY (God's Useful Goodness)

why and how you are here and on the path. Because of the unfailing mercy of God. In spite of us — it's of Him, through Him and for Him.

TRUTH (God's Useful Guidance)

what you're on the path for and the direction you go on the path. Prove and demonstrate what is that... perfect will of God.

Can I suggest a prayer for you and your family? It's a prayer that Moses penned... one that can be a tremendous treasure to you and a rich blessings to those you lead. It's humbling for sure but so helpful...and I pray it will encourage and equip you.

In the follow Psalm he asked...

"Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands" (Psalm 90:16-17).

What are We Asking God?

Who are we seeking?

What do we desire?

Who and what do we want to know most?

Who and What do we long for others to see in us?

The Judge, who judges the judgments and motives and actions of the judges, stands and sees what is going on.

Defend, do, deliver and free... not unjustly but fairly.

Don't mistreat or mislead those who can't do for you what you can do for them. (Poor and needy)

Don't mistreat or mislead those who can do for you what you can do for them. (Rich and powerful)

Judges have, like God, the authority to grant life and mercy or take life and curse. But they, unlike God, are mere men, who have been given authority to do justly. Their authority is not an unchecked authority. They still must give an account to the Judge of all judges, who unlike an appointed judge, is not a mere man, and who will hold all accountable and their judgments.

Judges, like kings, who must submit to the King and give account to Him, can't act like King Saul and function independently of His King. Unchecked and uncharted power is a sure way to be stripped of it all.

How to Bounce Back

When You've Bounced Out

It's your race to run.

No One Can Run It For You

Run Your Race — It's Yours

Run your race, my friends, it's yours... no one can run [it] for you. And no one, other than the Lord, can lay it out and make it so clear before you.

His race for you is often referred to in Scripture as the will of God for your life, the joy of the Lord, the way of the Lord and also your course. All these phrases are saying and meaning the same thing: God has a specific assignment or mission for us to accomplish. And the authority and power we have to accomplish them are found in the orders He gives us to fulfill the mission or complete our race. And no matter the assignment/race we've been given it will always include reaching people for Jesus, teaching people about Jesus and equipping people to serve Jesus and mobilizing people to go with Jesus.

Therefore, I encourage you to embrace your race gladly, endure your race gratefully, explain your race graciously, and enjoy your race gloriously. And as you make much of Jesus, on the course He's

assigned for you, Jesus will continue to make much use of you.

Remember, little is much when God is in it. To do this, and do it effectively, you'll need Him living in you, and you'll need to keep your eyes fixed on Him, daily considering the example He set while He walked this earth. Isaiah 42 helps us see His gentle but gritty spirit and the fact that He never flickered or fell apart when the road got tough and ugly and He stuck to the course His Father gave, for noting, good or bad, could distract from His race.

"But none of these things move me, nor do I count my life dear unto myself, SO THAT I might finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24)

What a bucket full of living water...

And I'm drinking from it this morning and I wanted to pour some on you. What is Paul saying?

He'd rather be faithful to the call and die for the cause of Christ...than be unfaithful to the call, and the course his Caller has placed before him, and live life safe and for himself.

That's freedom... it's a freedom to face the course and finish the race with joy and a freedom that's not restricted or hindered by chains or gates. Why not? Because the decision to embrace and endure every objection and obstacle has already been made...

"...SO THAT I may finish my race with joy, AND the ministry..." (Acts 20:24)

All ministries... ALL MINISTRIES, given by God, are given as a testament TO and FOR the gospel of the grace of God... it's the mission or course we've been assigned that differs, each of us, from our brothers and sisters.

Your course is different from my course... no different than Jesus's cross differs from our cross. (Mark 8:34-38)

The course or race or joy of the Lord or way of God or will of God, as applied to our individual assignments are speaking of our cross. (Hebrews 12:1-5)

C'mon... can we say, "I'd rather be faithful to the call and die for the cause of Christ..."

...than be unfaithful to the call, and the course my Caller has given, and live life safe and for myself."

It's your race...no one else can run [it] for you. I encourage you to

1. embrace [it] gladly,
2. endure [it] gratefully,
3. explain [it] graciously, and
4. enjoy [it] gloriously...with your eyes fixed on Jesus, so you don't flicker or fall apart when the road gets ugly or when the view, along the road, gets "too pretty" to continue.

1. Turn away from: fretting or being anxious or angry or afraid over the evildoers and workers of iniquity. Their agenda and time will be short lived... it's temporary so careful place your focus and trust upon the things that will endure time and last through eternity.

2. Trust in the Lord (believe God, take Him at His word and don't let them mislead you

And

Do good or advance His agenda which is your purpose for being planted where you are.

3. Dwell in the land (let God plant you) and let Him feed you where He's planted you. Feed on His faithfulness and be at peace and be not threatened their ways, for He has prepared a table before you in the presence of your enemies. Let Him nurture and cultivate your life, yes let Him water and fertilize your soul.

4. Delight yourself (soften yourself, be mushy and taken, consumed and absorbed like a girl with a guy. Soft and tender (effeminate) and nag at God, like a woman who mags her husband for all his attention, affection and adoration. Be persistent and pursue Him and He will plant His desires in you and your desires (petitions/prayers) will be given you.

5. How... commit (entrust) your works and ways to Him. Trust what He establishes in you heart and mind. He will fulfill what He plants in you.

6. Rest in the Lord... be calm and quiet in Him and dance in step with Him (wait on Him). Be patient and let Him lead. Wait on His move and don't fret/burn/glow with animosity in your heart.

7. You'll cease from over thinking and fretting over what ain't of God. Fretting on hurts you and those around you... but faith transfers life for life, and the sweet joys and expectations of God for it.

A handful of steps for when or if you ever disqualify yourself (no one can disqualify you, but you), as you run your race worthy of the gospel that Jesus personified, loved and proclaimed.

Look Up... (To Jesus... above the trouble and disqualification.)

Lay it Down... (Whatever took your attention, affection and eyes off Jesus.)

Lean In... (Trust, rely, rest and wait upon Him.)

Listen For... (Give Him your heart, hope and ears.)

Live On... (Walk in and celebrate what He feeds you.)

Love Again... (God's way... patiently, kindly, compassionately, mercifully, wisely, sacrificially)

Lead Well... (Re-Invest in others what He's planted and poured into you.)

Learn From... (Be humble and meek as you glean wisdom and insight from others.)

It's your race...no one can run [it] for you. So, I encourage you to:

1. Embrace [it] Gladly
2. Endure [it] Gratefully
3. Explain [it] Graciously
4. Enjoy [it] Gloriously

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, only He can keep you from flickering or fizzling or falling apart when the road gets ugly or when the view, along the road, gets "too pretty" and pulls you off the course.

Blessings my friends, may we run our race with great courage, being compelled by His undeniable grace and unquenchable love. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

#nestingwithjesus #psalms #psalms82 #psalms82and1thru8
#thefoundationsoftheearth #thepilliarsoftheearth #psalms75 #psalms75and2 #psalm81 #psalm90
#psalm1 #bean #suits #planted #family #familytree #tree #generations #meditating #delight #duty
#theonlyconstantthingwehave #psalm90and16thru17 #theworkoffaith #thelaboroflove
#theenduranceofhope #kingdomwork #kingdomway #kingdomwisdom #kingdomglory

#1corinthians9and24 #hebrews12 #idonotcount

#psalm37 #deartomyself #compelled #bylove #acts20and24 #testament #ministry #testify

#mission #assignment #authority #authorized #runyourrace #bearyourcross #mark8and34thru38

#deny #denounce