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THE TRIAL OF FAITH

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

NEW TESTAMENT PLAN

Matthew 19-20

1 YEAR PLAN

Zephaniah 3

Text: 1 PETER 1:7

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Faith is easy to talk about when everything is working, it is easy to say "God is good" when the salary has entered, when the children are healthy, when the business is moving. But faith is not proven in the good times, it is proven in the trial. Just like gold must pass through fire to be proven genuine, our faith must pass through trials to be proven real, the fire does not come to destroy the gold, it comes to burn away what is not gold. That is what trials do to us, they burn away our pretence and reveal what we really believe.

Think of a young lady who just finished school, she prayed, and received a word from the Lord about a job, and she believed God for a good job. Months passed, nothing, her mates were getting jobs, posting testimonies, she kept applying, kept getting "we regret to inform you." At first, she was strong, then the questions started coming. "God, did You forget me?" "Did I miss it?" "Is this faith even working?" Moments like this, thoughts and suggestions that look like an easy escape from the "wilderness" will come to the mind, doubts that even go beyond the situation to attack even trust in the Lord would come.

Therein lies the trial of faith: though it may seem painful, it could even feel lonely; but we shouldn't be moved by what we feel or see, we should be moved by only what God says and has said. The trail of faith changes something in us, we stop serving God for only what He can give, and start loving Him for who He is. Our faith become deeper, quieter, stronger. When the testimony finally comes, it will no longer just be a testimony of provision, It will be a testimony of a heart that have been proven.

That is what God is after. He is not just interested in giving you the testimony, He is interested in making you the testimony. The trial is not a sign that God has left you. It is a sign that He is working on you. He is proving your heart to know what is in it, and to remove what should not be there.

So if you are in the fire right now, don't run from it, let it do its work. You will come out not just with an answer, but with a faith that is genuine.

Further reading: James 1:2-4 Deuteronomy 8:2-3 Job 23:10

Prayers:

Father, help me to stand in the times of trial. Purify my faith and make my heart steadfast in You, even when I don't understand.

Confession:

My faith is genuine. I will not bow to pressure or compromise in the trial. I will come out refined, stronger, and more like Christ.

Song suggestion: Follow your Way - Cleft Music