

I See A Faint Coming On

Ephesians 3:11-13 (KJV) According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Paul said you are seeing my troubles and trials and I see the effect that it is having on you.

No doubt some were scared, some were weakened, some were apprehensive, some feared for the future.

Paul is saying I see a faint coming on.

Ephesians 3:14-16 (KJV) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Paul was disturbed enough to pray for them and to let them know he was praying for them.

I see that our President is threatening to take action about the killing of Christians in Nigeria, no doubt that will cause more hatred against Christians in this country. Does that make you nervous?

Paul tells them that we need to remember that Christ did not faint on us.

Ephesians 3:10-12 (KJV) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

1. Christ was faithful

1 Timothy 1:15 (KJV) This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Raise your hand if you are saved. That means he didn't quit, didn't fail, didn't stop. Hell couldn't stop him, brutality couldn't stop him, hatred couldn't stop him, death couldn't stop him

He was Faithful! He has an Eternal Purpose.

2. Don't be deceived

Galatians 6:7-9 (KJV) Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

People lose out when they faint

1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV) But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached

to others, I myself should be a castaway. Lest is a scary word. Read the New Testament were Lest is, and you will see it's a scary word.

Paul said I have to wrestle my carnal man because if I give him control God will put me on the shelf and I will be unusable,

2 John 8 (KJV) Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

3. Stay Vigilant

Matthew 25:13 (KJV) Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

1 Corinthians 16:13 (KJV) Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

In these days we're going to have to be like soldiers at the front.

1 Peter 4:7 (KJV) But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

4. Pray for each other

If the Lord prayed for the disciples and Paul prayed for the fainting we should pray for one another. These are disturbing times