

Keep Pushing
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"PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE HAVE A MAGICAL EFFECT BEFORE WHICH DIFFICULTIES DISAPPEAR AND OBSTACLES VANISH".

WHAT WOULD LIFE BE LIKE WITHOUT ANY OBSTACLES OR TRIALS IN OUR LIFETIME? I THINK GOD'S WORD SAYS IT BEST IN JAMES 1:2-4
2 CONSIDER IT PURE JOY, MY BROTHERS, WHENEVER YOU FACE TRIALS OF MANY KINDS, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH DEVELOPS PERSEVERANCE.4 PERSEVERANCE MUST FINISH ITS WORK SO THAT YOU MAY BE MATURE AND COMPLETE, NOT LACKING ANYTHING.

DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE WE WOULD BE COMPLETE, NOT LACKING ANYTHING, IF WENT THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT ANY OBSTACLES AND TRIALS? I PERSONALLY KNOW I WOULDN'T BE THE PERSON I AM TODAY WITHOUT HAVING TO PERSEVERE THROUGH TROUBLED TIMES. I KNOW MY GREATEST TIMES OF GROWING IN FAITH HAVE COME AT THE HANDS OF BATTLING LOU GHERIG'S DISEASE. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT PREPARED ME FOR THIS DAY; ALL THE OTHER TIMES I HAD TO REACH DOWN DEEP AND PERSEVERE IN ORDER CRAWL BACK ON MY FEET.

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE TIMES AND TODAY, IS NOW I AM TOTALLY COMMITTED TO MY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. IS ALS PURE JOY,ABSOLUTELY NOT. BUT IT'S THE FACT I AM PERSEVERING EVERYDAY THAT IS MAKING ME COMPLETE, THAT I CONSIDER PURE JOY.YOU SEE, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS HAD IT PARTIALLY RIGHT WHEN HE SAID, "PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE HAVE A MAGICAL EFFECT BEFORE WHICH DIFFICULTIES DISAPPEAR AND OBSTACLES VANISH", I WOULD OF ADDED ONE WORD AFTER PERSEVERANCE, THAT BEING "EVERYDAY". BECAUSE, TRULY IT IS EVERYDAY THAT WE NEED TO EXHIBIT PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE, TO ONE DAY MAKE US COMPLETE, NOT LACKING NOTHING, IN WHAT GOD HAS FOR OUR LIFE. ESPECIALLY, DURING THE MOST TRYING MOMENTS!
SO KEEP PUSHING MY FRIENDS, NO MATTER WHAT COMES YOUR WAY.

GOD BLESS,
KEITH