



ON EAGLES' WINGS: WALKING AMONG THE STONES OF FIRE

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**HALLMARK OF THE AROMA OF CHRIST:
STEADFASTNESS
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Ezekiel 28:13-14

¹³“You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone — all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold. They were given to you on the day you were created. ¹⁴I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian. You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire.”

Walking among the stones of fire (walking in Christ’s triumphal procession) keeps our intimate relationship with God and gives us access to His glory. We become guiding light to others, as shown through our words, action and behaviour.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 “¹⁴ Thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.”

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Hallmark is a distinguishing characteristic, trait, or feature.

STEADFASTNESS: being resolutely, dutifully firm and unwavering.

Resolutely : an admirably purposeful and determined

Dutifully: in a conscientious or obedient manner.

STEADFASTNESS: being admirably purposeful and determined to thoroughly or diligently achieve the purpose in an obedient manner.

STEADFASTNESS IS A HALLMARK

The steadfastness of Jesus:

John 4:34 “³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish his work.”

- Delighted to be steadfast
- Understood the purpose
- Aimed to win - finish the work
- Understood the work

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EXPERIENTIAL LESSONS..... *my story:*

I recall one experience I had in 1999 while on a business trip to Atlanta, U.S.A. While there, I was faced with an extremely challenging business decision and God sent an unknown minister to me, who I later discovered ran a ministry that encourages believers to **“Stay in the Game”**. What happened next was astonishing. This minister appeared, walking along a long aisle in a store I was visiting for the first time in my life. Without stopping to talk to anybody else, he came straight up to me where I stood outside a post office in the store waiting for a friend who had gone to mail a letter. He handed a card to me and then walked away from the store without stopping or talking to someone else. As I pondered over what had happened, I turned the card over to read what was written on it. It read:

“Don’t Take It Personal!”
Stay Focused on Jesus

For Romans 8:28 says, “and we know that all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

To this day I treasure that card and I carry it with me wherever I go. Below is a scan picture of the card, nine years after it was given to me.



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Brethren,

Daniel reminds us, “they that know their God shall be strong and do great exploits” (Dan 11:32). God wants to do something extraordinary for and with us but we have to play our parts.

Some of you in this room, today, will recall the business I was doing in 1999, King and Prince. I had just launched the business and because for me it was a ministry, I decided to start it in a similar way that Jesus started His ministry. So, I embarked on a 40days. I was still on that fast when I had the encounter in Atlanta.

Through that experience, I learnt that God rewards STEADFASTNESS. Such an experiential lesson never leaves you. It remains a guiding light to everything you do.

EXPERIENTIAL LESSONS..... *Peter's story*

“Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” (Luke 5:4)

In this statement, we see a clear purpose: WHEN, WHERE, WHAT, ACTION AND WHY

When (now); Where: deep water; What: your nets; Action: let down; why: for a catch.

With purpose, Peter stepped out to do the work and finished it.

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Luke 5:“⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.”

Brethren, once the purpose is clear and we are steadfast, result must come forth. Anything outside that is unscriptural

Understanding the purpose is critical

“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

The purpose is clear, but time is in the future.

Between when it was said and when it happened, Peter went through phases (including denying Jesus) but he never forgot the purpose.

One day, he took action: “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, lifted up his voice, and addressed the crowd” (Acts 2:14)



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Brethren, if we are not careful, we permit the gates of hell to prevail against the purpose that God has put in our hands (the church of God in our hands).

Thank God that Peter took action, one day, and step out.

There have been 266 popes in the history of the Catholic Church, including St. Peter, who is widely recognized as the first pope.

With this, Peter achieved the purpose, demonstrating steadfastness.

Conclusion

Step 1 is to have a spiritual connection to your actions, linking every action to the PURPOSE. If you don't see that link, STOP and recalibrate. Go back and remind yourself of GOD's purpose for you - what is that vision you are running? For Peter, it was "upon you I will build my church". As we read, in Catholic Church, the first church of Christ, Peter was the first pope.

Brethren, steadfastness is a hallmark. Let us demonstrate it. It means knowing God's purpose and being determined to thoroughly or diligently achieve the purpose in an obedient manner.

God Bless You!



KCM Corporate Prayers:

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1. KCM, to continue to humbly fulfil its mandate as house of prayer for all nations
2. Leadership of each nation to fear God, & God forgive sins & show love to Nations
3. Peace across nations, collaboration and regional strengthening to prevail
4. Ministers/Missionaries/ Priests and the saved and unsaved people
5. Families, Marriages & Children
6. Needs of members of KCM, also for spiritual growth and deep faith in God
7. Integration of all First Nations, Indigenous Australians and others into society
8. Pray that we all stay on the EAGLES' WINGS, Walking among the stones of fire
9. Testimonies
10. Personal prayer
11. Any Special Request
12. For the week & next Sunday