

Faith Injection: When All Else Fails

Challenge: Go Down Believing. Live In the Miraculous.

Problem: When it comes to the things of God, most of us live with a perfectionist's mentality. Unless we know that what we endeavor for God will come without any trials, bumps or bruises along the way, we don't want to **attempt** it. Unfortunately those things are par for the course and what we must **embrace** if we are to live in the miraculous power of God.

Point 1: Snakes utilize toxins to **paralyze** their victims until they can slowly devour them. First appearing as a serpent, Satan does the same. Our enemy attempts to initially steal our faith pursuits, eventually consuming our focus and walks with God.

Toxins causing paralysis:

- 1) **Fear of Failure:** What if I Step Out and God doesn't meet me?
We risk embarrassment, **disappointment** and the shaking of our own faith.
We must resolve to be more concerned with Christ's + others' interests than our own
- 2) **Unbelief disguised as Wisdom**
I Corinthians 3:18-20; Isaiah 55:8-11
- 3) **Double-Mindedness** James 1:2-8

"All at once came the thought – If you are simply obeying the LORD, all the responsibility will rest on Him, not on you! What a relief!! Well, I cried to God – You shall be responsible for them, and for me too!" - Hudson Taylor

Acts 16:6-15 - Remember it is much easier to steer a vehicle in motion than a parked car!!!

When something doesn't come through as you envisioned it, it could be a matter of:

- 1) Timing – Think about the farmer
- 2) Redirection – If your endeavor reflects the will of God in Kingdom **advance**, he may simply want to employ you with a people or place not yet conceptualized
- 3) Remember it's not about our **egos** or batting average, it's about Christ's Kingdom. Strides **forward** are always better than **fallowness** (Luke 19:11-27)

Daniel 3 – When we are moving by faith we will stand regardless of what we experience

"Fruit-bearing involves cross-bearing." - Hudson Taylor

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

– Jesus in John 12:24-26

My Thoughts...