*Wednesday, June 8, 2011*

**A Strong Weakness**

Romans 4:17-20 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. (18) Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. (19) And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: (20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; (KJV)

All this week, we have been dealing with the topic of becoming weak so that we actually can become strong in the Lord and the power of His Might. God is able to raise the dead; which first began with us who were dead in sin and unbelief but who are now able to see beyond the realm of the flesh and into a realm where all things are now possible to those that believe. Are you one of the few who are willing to step out from the dead end realm that you have been trapped in, so that you can see a whole new realm come to life? Let’s quit staggering around like a bunch of intoxicated people and sober up to the reality of what is so much stronger, and an abundant life that is so much better than what we could have ever thought or asked for.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (KJV)

Hey talk about a real reality check; how about someone that wrote the script for your life before the foundation of the world? How about the fact that we have access to God through His Son who can call something that seems dead, died, and buried back to life, and becomes a reality to those that believe? He is the only Author that not only wrote the beginning of your walk, but is the only one that can show you how to finish it in the place that our Lord had intended for you to be before the foundation of the world. Still think you got things all figured out? I hope not.

Matthew 19:23-25 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. (24) And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (25) When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? (KJV)

Wow, sounds familiar doesn’t it? How the rich are so highly esteemed by mankind and seem to have it all together. Yet we see our Lord saying that the reality is that when they lean to something other than our Lord, then they are actually weak and defenseless.

Matthew 19:26-28 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. (27) Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? (28) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (KJV)

Do you really realize how weak and feeble you are on our own, and how without faith it is impossible to please God? Do you really realize that without the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis that it is impossible to please God and end up where He intended for you to be in His body of believers? Are you willing like Peter to forsake all, including your own thoughts and ways so that you too can sit with the Son in glory?

Hebrews 5:8-9 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (9) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (KJV)

There is only one Author, and only one way to the throne so that you too can inherit eternal salvation. I have learned obedience through the things which I have suffered as well, sometimes for righteousness sake and sometimes because I wasn’t willing to let go and do what the Lord was asking.