

Don't Quit But Press On – Part 2

Overview: Just before the big breakthroughs that are coming, challenges may arise, but don't quit. Just like in the time of Moses, for years the Hebrews cried out to God to redeem them from slavery in Egypt. They were forced to make bricks without straw, which made the work even harder (Exodus 5:6-17). That was the devil trying to make them quit. But they didn't quit, and God came through and brought them out of Egypt. Joseph and Mary didn't quit. Jesus didn't quit. We thank God for the prophecy in Isaiah 9:6 that came true; and that's why we celebrate Christmas: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

So, even though you face challenges, press on toward the mark of your high calling. You only lose if you quit. So don't quit. That's how you are going to have victory!

A. Press On Through Adversities.

1. God will give you victory over hardship if you don't quit. Ps 105:37-45
 - a. 37 He also brought them out with silver and gold, And **there was none feeble among His tribes.** 38 Egypt was glad when they departed, For the fear of them had fallen upon them. 39 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night. 40 The people asked, and He brought quail, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. 41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places like a river. 42 For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant. **43 He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness. 44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations, 45 That they might observe His statutes And keep His laws.**

B. Press On Toward the Goal to Win the Prize.

Phil 3:14 (AMPC)

1. **I press on** toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

C. Press On to Towards Your Miraculous Journey.

1. Joseph and Mary pressed on and didn't quit when they faced enormous challenges.
2. Mary pressed on and didn't quit when the angel Gabriel Luke 1:26-38 told her that she was going to have a miraculous conception.

- a. Mary didn't quit when she knew that if she obeyed God that He would protect her from possible public shame, possible death by being stoned if pregnant before marriage, and possible divorce from Joseph, her betrothed groom.
3. Joseph pressed on and didn't quit when he faced multiple serious challenges.
 - a. Joseph didn't quit when he discovered that Mary was pregnant before they got married, especially after an angel of God appeared to him in a dream saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." Matt 1:20-21
4. Joseph and Mary pressed on towards Bethlehem. Luke 2:1-20
 - a. They didn't quit even though a very pregnant Mary had to travel a long way and God provided a donkey.
 - b. They didn't quit even though there was no room at the Inn and God provided shelter in a humble manger.
5. Joseph and Mary pressed on towards Egypt. Matt 2:13-14
 - a. They didn't quit when they quickly had to leave Bethlehem because God warned him in a dream before danger came with specific instructions on where to go and what to do.
 - b. God gave Joseph a second dream and the angel of God told him, "Arise, take the young Child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young Child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt."
 - c. Even though Joseph was poor, he pressed on towards Bethlehem walking in faith. God provided wealth for his stay in Bethlehem to get a home. God provided wealth for him to flee to Egypt to live there for as long as it was necessary.
 - i. Scholars say there is no record so they could have stayed in Egypt between two months and two years.
 - ii. The Wisemen were sent to provide those riches and wealth so the King of Kings and His family were able to live in safety wherever God sent them without any lack.
 - iii. The Wisemen found baby Jesus when they followed a special star that appeared in the East, leading them to the location of the newborn King of the Jews.
 - iv. Before they found baby Jesus, they visited King Herod to inquire about the newborn King, they were warned in a God-given dream not to return to King Herod after finding the baby Jesus. So they returned to their country by a another way, a different route (Matt 2:12).

- d. When you draw close to God and are obedient to His Word, even during the devastating End Times challenges that are going to come upon the earth, don't quit but press on because God will also warn you and tell you where to go, tell you what to do with specific instructions, and will provide for you for as long as you need to be there.
 - e. ABCers who faithfully attend Wed Overcomers Service and participate in the Awake6:33 a.m. Prayer Time and who pray in tongues for an hour during The Triple Triumphant Prayer Method Intercession are the ones who we are giving an extraordinarily vigorous training of how to hear the voice of the God more clearly than ever. They can now receive specific instructions from the Holy Spirit. In addition, Pastora Karen and I are also training them how to become miracle workers. God is supernaturally providing for these ABCers and other 633ers as well.
 - f. Those of you who have not been able to participate, I strongly suggest you join us or watch the video replays of Wed night services at the ABC On Demand website. In addition, I also recommend that you view our Awake633 videos on our Facebook group page when you cannot join us on Zoom at 6:33 a.m. Pacific Time.
 - g. It's important to learn what is going to happen by studying the Bible book of Revelation. But if you do not hear the voice of God better than you do now, how will you know what you and your family are supposed to do specifically to go to a safe place if you don't hear God's voice good enough to be warned where to go before the terrible things happen? What if God told you to pack all you stuff to leave your home that night to avoid danger? Do you want to take that chance to disobey or do you want to be obedient? Do you want to be as prepared as possible to be more on target and hear God's voice better than you do now?
6. Joseph and Mary pressed on while in a foreign land until God told them when to leave there.
 - a. They didn't quit living in a strange country; and God Matt 2:19-20 gave Joseph a third dream so the angel of God could tell him that it was time to return to Israel. Joseph showed that he was obedient and patient to wait on God's perfect timing.
 - b. Joseph had a fourth dream and the angel of God Matt 2:22-23 told him a specific instruction to go back to Nazareth (not Bethlehem).
 7. Mary pressed on as a single mother after Joseph died.
 - a. She did not quit and God showed her how to raise Jesus and the rest of her children she had with Joseph.
 8. Jesus never quit on us but pressed on towards the cross.

- a. An angel of God told both Mary and Joseph, Matt 1:21; Lk 1:31
Individually at separate times, that God wanted the baby to be called “Jesus,”
which means “Jehovah saves.”
 - i. Mary fulfilled prophecy as she was “the virgin.” Matt 1:22-23
 - ii. She was not just a virgin. She was “the” virgin who was chosen by God
to be the mother of our God Incarnate. He is both fully human and fully
divine, and He became flesh in the form of that supernaturally miraculous
baby she bore called Jesus.
 - iii. Matthew was quoting the prophet Isaiah 7:14, when he said, ²² So all this
was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through
the prophet, saying: ²³ “Behold, **the** virgin shall be with child, and bear a
Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God
with us.”
 - b. For God so loved the world that He gave His only John 3:16
begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have
everlasting life.
 - c. Jn 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His
glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - d. Gal 4:4-5 ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His
Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were
under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
 - e. Rom 1:3-4 ³ Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the
seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴ and declared to be the Son of God
with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the
dead.
9. So don't quit but press on toward your godly goal to win your supreme heavenly
prize!