

Why You Already Have the Spiritual Strength to Carry On

These past two weeks have been a whirlwind of activity—all good, but physically demanding. Let me explain and share.

Two weekends ago, I was ministering in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. I poured my heart out with the healing word and witnessed wonderful healings and miracles. I arrived home on Monday afternoon a little bit tired physically.

Thursday morning I find myself back on the plane, but this time to Guatemala to go and pick up our 20-year-old son, Jorge, and bring him back to the States to live with us here. That evening, our arrival was delayed due to weather. We were unable to land in Guatemala because of an electrical storm. The pilot flew around the city, waiting for approval to land, but we were not able to because of the lighting. Needing to fuel the plane, they announced we would be flying next door to Belize, but the airport there was also closed down due to the same weather issues. They wanted to land in El Salvador, but because of the surrounding weather, they already had nine planes waiting for the OK to take off to these other countries. And so we were not able to land there either. So we ended up in Honduras.

The airport there had already closed for the evening, but we were able to land to fuel the jet. The process probably took about two hours because it was after hours. Afterwards, we were able to fly into Guatemala City at about midnight. And despite the delays, I had a wonderful time visiting our other two adopted sons and their families who are managing out children's home in Guatemala and spent a little time with the children in the home, along with ministering to a group of

students in a discipleship program and a healing service at a local church. Then Monday morning, Jorge and I made the journey back to the U.S., again landing about midnight and arriving home at 1:00 in the morning.

I was thinking I had that day to sleep in and rest, but to my surprise, the house we were moving into was ready for us that day. And so for the past few days, I have been unpacking our belongings and trying to put our new home in order. I am physically, tired, and with good reason, but even in the midst of this whirlwind of activity, I find that there is great stamina in having faith in God.

And this is what I want to focus on now with you. Be encouraged that when life is moving faster than you expect and is physically demanding, and it takes everything within you to finish the task put before you, know that when you feel physically weak, He is not. And you can rely on His strength to carry you through.

Perhaps you are fighting a battle with sickness and disease, and you feel like you can't continue. I am here to tell you that you can. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (see Phil. 4:13).

And maybe you are struggling to find the physical strength to carry on, I can't encourage you enough to call out to God and thank Him by faith that when you feel weak, He is strong (see 2 Cor. 12:10).

And when the unexpected events of life happen, hold your peace and rest in Him because He truly is the same yesterday, today and forever (see Heb. 13:8.) He is faithful (see 1 Cor. 1:9.) He is the way, the truth and the life (see John 14:6.) When He promises to uphold you with His righteous right hand—He will (see Isa. 41:10.)

Regardless of all the demands placed upon your faith-walk, you will find there is great stamina and relentless staying power

in your faith in Christ. {eo}

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