

The Winning Streak of An Overcomer

But He knows the way that I take when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

(Job 23:10)

Job was a shining star in the kingdom. However, behind the star were many scars. Yet he never quit when life was harsh and hard. He endured hardship and he was rewarded for his faith and patience in God (James 5:7-11). According to his own testimony in Chapter 23, he could not sense God in his affairs. He had to trust God beyond his 5 senses. He had to walk by faith. The secret of his faith was his daily nourishment of God's word (v.12). God's word is the fertilizer for his faith in God. Indeed, faith is the badge of every winner in Christ.

In the Chronicles of Israel's glorious past, there were three notable kings, namely King Saul, David, and Solomon. King Saul was a tall young man filled with charisma yet visibly possessed no courage. He feared man more than God. He was a failure. King David was an excellent man. He had undergone much hardship and adversities in life. He possessed great moral courage. He finished his race well. King Solomon was born with a silver spoon. He lived in luxury, inheriting the prosperity from his father's reign. He began well but finished terribly in life.

These 3 kings are likened unto 3 types of mountain climbers, namely, the quitter, the climber, and the camper. King Saul was a quitter who never persevered in his faith. He fainted when he saw his men deserting ranks. He compromised on integrity, did not wait for prophet Samuel's return and still doing his own things to appease men. His disobedience caused him to lose his kingdom, thereby never able to reach the mountain peak of maximizing his destiny.

Then we have the beloved of the Lord, King David. He was a rough carbon diamond polished in the trials and adversity of life's experiences. He was broken and polished. He represents the tenacious climber who never gives up his goal. He is a tough, possibility thinker with strong faith, who never allows obstacles to get into his way of ascending to the top. He relies completely on God and does great exploits for God.

Finally, we have the prosperous reign of King Solomon. He was the wisest king of that era. He lived a life of ease and comfort. He represents a camper who stays at the place of past achievement. Like a hiker who finds a good spot will camp overnight instead of pressing forward to pursue greater strides in life, he is easily contented and satisfied with what he possesses.

Along the life journey of this earthly existence, there are basically 3 types of saints, the quitter who never accomplish much, always take the easy road and a great complainer when life turns sour. The camper is believer who has gained a certain level of success but now do not want to pay the price of sacrifice and excellence to maximize their potential. He never likes to venture into the new things but is great promoter of past traditions. The climber is the risk-taker, daring to take new challenges. Like Abraham, he persists in his faith to excel as achiever in life. He never quit in the face of opposition and trouble. Like Caleb, he is marathon runner who finishes well.

Friends, who then will you model after in your walk before God? Seek God and draw grace and strength to strengthen your faith that determined to finish this race as overcomers in life. Remember, a quitter never wins, and a winner never quits!