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I know we can sometimes feel stuck, but the truth is... We are always moving one direction or another. We are either moving toward the Lord, or away from the Lord. We are never really at a standstill. Stopping is like being on a conveyor belt at the airport... Unfortunately, not paying attention will take us away from the Lord. I pray that you and I will be DILIGENT, INTENTIONAL, and DEVOTED to pursuing the Lord today and every day. I promise you... We will not regret it.

*Blessings,
Jonna*

2 Peter 3:10-18 ~

In the first part of 2 Peter 3, I learned that I need to be reminded of what God has told me about opposition that will come. I need to be reminded that He knows and He has a plan, that He's not slow or weak... He's patient. He wants every last lost soul who will, to come to Him for salvation.

Now I look to the rest of the chapter to see what to expect and to know how to respond.

Vs. 10 ~ "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed." The Day of the Lord, of His judgment, of the end to all evil WILL come. Though the time until He comes will feel long, the Day that He comes will be like the coming of a thief in the night... quick, unexpected. People will be lulled into thinking that God is not coming, and they will think they are free to mock Him as weak or nonexistent. But He WILL come... "and the works that are done on earth will be exposed." Those who have justified rebellion against God will have the thoughts and intentions of their hearts exposed, and judgment will come.

Vs. 11-14 ~ "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace." The heavens and the earth will be dissolved by fire. Whoa. But God is going to bring a new heaven and a new earth where there will be NO MORE sin, no more lies, no more mocking, no more hatred, no more deception. Only righteousness will dwell in the new heaven and earth.

Everything done in our new home will be pure, holy, just, right. This is the promise of God! He put all in black and white so that I could remember what I'm looking forward to... the hope that I have... the confident expectation that He WILL carry out His promise as surely as I see the brokenness of this present evil age. My hope is not in today. My hope is in Him forever.

So what sort of person ought I to be in light of God's promises and His authority, His wisdom, and His power? The word "ought" in the Greek is also translated "necessary, must." Who MUST I be in light of God's truth? What is NECESSARY for me? Live a holy life before God with my heart, soul, mind, eyes, and strength set on Him.

Live a godly life. What does that mean? Is it about ACTING godly... saying, "WWJD... What would Jesus Do?" It's more than that. Godliness is living a life devoted to God Himself... to treat Him with absolute respect above anyone else.

I need to WAIT in confident expectation for the Lord to return. My hope needs to be in Him and my destiny with Him... not in the here and now. "If I forget that the way of the Cross leads to the Cross and not to a bank of flowers... then I know nothing of Calvary Love." ~ Amy Carmichael. The Cross is my today as I "deny myself, take up my cross daily, and follow Jesus." My reward, my wreath of flowers, my eternal is for tomorrow as I "run with endurance the race set before me, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of my faith" (Hebrews 12:2) who will someday "rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (2 Timothy 4:18).

Be DILIGENT... be eager... to be found by HIM without spot and without blemish... in peace. Be diligent to care about HIS opinion more than anyone else's... even more than mine. Desire for Him to make me as pure as a sacrificial lamb, holy and without blemish. This is what truly brings me peace... NOT that my circumstances are easy, but that I'm secure in the LORD! The Lord wants me to enjoy sweet peace with Him!!! Even NOW.

Vs. 15-16 ~ "And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures." Don't count God as being slow. Count His patience as my salvation. He is completely at peace with how things are going because He is completely in charge of the plan, and His salvation cannot be removed. If He has peace and He's the God of peace, I can have peace

because I'm with Him.

I love how Peter pointed to the letters of Paul. Peter was not threatened by Paul's love for the Lord. Neither Peter nor Paul were about making a name for themselves, but only pointing to Jesus.

Peter said some of Paul's words are hard to understand. I agree. But let me not do what others did... twist his words or any other words of God to suit MY agenda. It's so easy to do. But Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God." O Lord, may I NEVER (again) tamper with Your word or use it for my personal gain!!!

Vs. 17-18 ~ "You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." In this chapter, Peter referred to his readers as "beloved" 4 times. This is so important for me not to miss. None of the warnings of God are ever to condemn. They are ALL because He loves me. Let me delight in His love!!! Let me rest in His love!!!

I praise God that He gives all the information of what to expect up front. He doesn't give me every detail, but He tells me enough that, if I'm paying attention, I will not be surprised by whatever happens. So Lord, please help me to pay attention so that I won't be distracted, discouraged, or drawn away by "the error of lawless people." Lawless people are simply people who don't live for the Lord. They don't walk around with red capes or horns on their heads. They may do things that look good on the outside but are motivated by self reliance rather than Spirit reliance on the inside. Don't be drawn away, but be unwavering in the Lord... "stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel" (Colossians 1:23).

Grow in grace with Jesus. Don't be satisfied to live a mundane Christianity. GROW in GRACE... the generosity of His love poured out on me. This growth isn't something I can do in my own strength. It's HIS grace IN me. GROW in the KNOWLEDGE of the Lord. Know Him more and more. This knowledge is not... Grow in knowing more ABOUT God. It's grow more in KNOWING God... experientially, personally... in relationship.

He IS my Lord... my Master... and my Savior. I have nothing without Jesus. He can carry out His plan without me, but I can do nothing without Him. This is why HE deserves ALL the glory today, every day, and into eternity. He is my hope, my salvation, my answer. His word leads me, teaches me, protects me. O Lord, please help me to keep my soul, mind, heart, eyes, and strength all fixed on You. Amen.