

VI. In Every Situation: Depend on the Lord

A. Some introductory thoughts:

1. This is really a "given" but one that is often not "taken". It is almost too easy, so to speak. But depending on the Lord does not relieve us from doing what He has given us and enabled us to do. The concept is not to make us lazy or indulgent but to assure us of the undergirding power that cannot be overthrown. The words of Zechariah 4:6 continue to impress us and the New Testament adds the terms of Philippians 4:13 for reassurance.
2. We have two foes in this matter. The first is "over-confidence" in which we are sure everything will work out and we do little, and the second is pessimistic defeatism...I need not define it further. Between these two we find ourselves dependent on the simple grace of God.
3. Some case studies are:
 - a. Elisha----2 Kings 5 with Naaman's leprosy
 - b. The unnamed prophet of 2 Kings 9: such a task as was his!
 - c. Elisha----2 Kings 4, the dead child
 - d. Elisha----2 Kings 2, the unruly youths..or, the "gang"

B. Some teachings:

1. Remember God's instruction and promises...the two go together although we would often like to have the latter while ignoring the former. This has come up several times and will no doubt show up many times later, as well.
2. Honor His presence: prayer, worship, obedience
3. Acknowledge your need...one need not make a federal case of it but a simple recognition is good...for a solace for one's ego but a conditioner for one's courage.
4. Progress as you are able. Move forward or whatever direction works to meet the cause. It is not always physical movement and may, in fact, be meditational movement....the key factor on your mind is the accomplishment of what God wants done.

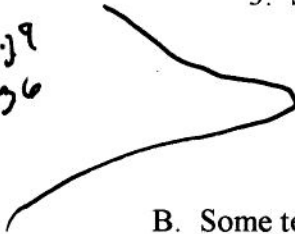
- ### C. Conclusion: He will never leave us nor forsake us! We are more than conquerors! We should not "leave" Him and we should not argue in defiance. When you see what the prophets did--in the face of very great adversity and a lack of what we would call resources, we learn a vital lesson that will stabilize us until we are with Him: Depend on the Lord in every situation. Your dependence will be shown, however, as one is yielded and obedient in what the Lord has declared.

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VII. Conclusion to our Studies *So I haven't worked it out yet...see what you can do and add it on paper and life.*

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river camp,*