

## BE NOT MOVED

### Gird Up: Get Ready For Adversity

- I. **3 keys in not being moved/believing to the end: 1.Gird up 2.Sober up 3.Toughen up**
- A. These verses reveal how we receive something God promised and that we encounter adversity on the way to it—Expecting something good based on something God said that we don't see; The way to it is through faith; Rejoice now because we know it's coming; Experience pressure through various kinds of adversity on the way to it; When faith is tried, in that pressure if we'll believe when we don't see, we'll receive the end our faith—**1Pt1:3**—*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: <sup>7</sup>That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: <sup>8</sup>Whom having not seen ye love; in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: <sup>9</sup>Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls*
- B. This salvation is precious THEREFORE gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end—**1Pt1:10**—*Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: <sup>11</sup>Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. <sup>12</sup>Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. <sup>13</sup>Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope (faith, expect) to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation (appearing) of Jesus Christ; **GN**—The prophets carefully researched and investigated this salvation. Long ago they spoke about God's kindness that would come to you. <sup>14</sup>So they tried to find out what time or situation the Spirit of Christ kept referring to whenever he predicted Christ's sufferings and the glory that would follow. <sup>15</sup>God revealed to the prophets that the things they had spoken were not for their own benefit but for yours. What the prophets had spoken, the Holy Spirit, who was sent from heaven, has now made known to you by those who spread the Good News among you. These are things that even the angels want to look into.*
- II. **To hope to the end you must gird up the loins of your mind – These are connected**
- A. Loins are girded to prepare oneself for action (securing the tunic)—**1Pt1:13-AM**—*Prepare your minds for action; **AC**—Brace up your minds; **CJ**—Get your minds ready for work*
- B. The road to the end is not without peril—**Mt14:29**—*The wind boisterous; **Lk8:49**—Thy daughter is dead; **Nm13:28**—The people be strong..the cities are walled, and very great; **Mk5:27**—She came in the press behind; **Dn3:19**—Heat the furnace one seven times more; **1Sm17:28**—Eliab's anger was kindled against David; **33**—You are not able to go against this Philistine; **43**—The Philistine said to David*
- C. Get the mind ready to hope to the end—Thoughts, feelings, circumstances, reports, pressure comes after you pray and before you see it—**Mk4:15**—*Satan comes immediately to take away the word that was sown in your hearts; **Js4:7**—Resist the devil; **2Co10:5**—Casting down imaginations; **1Tim6:12**—Fight the good fight of faith; **Ep6:16**—Quench all the fiery darts of the wicked*
1. Adversity—When you decide to go get what God said to you assume you'll encounter adversity on the way to it (We're not saying assume you're going to have problems in your body, your marriage your, finances—NO!)
- D. Many are moved by adversity is because they are not ready for it
1. Many have a false sense of reality about obtaining a promise, assuming they won't encounter any adversity on the way to it—Having faith and authority doesn't mean every victory manifests instantly without adversity; If every victory came instantly and without adversity we wouldn't need patience; You do have authority and faith is powerful, but you still need patience and patience is for adversity—**Hb6:12,10:36,Js1:2-4**

2. Many are shocked and moved when they encounter adversity-**1Pt4:12**-Beloved, think it not **STRANGE** (surprise, astonish shocked) concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some **STRANGE** (uncommon, unusual) thing happened unto you; **CSB**-Don't be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you, as if something unusual were happening to you; **GW**-Don't feel as though something strange is happening to you; **PH**-As though this were some abnormal experience
    - a. The COI weren't ready for the walls and giants-They were shocked by the resistance they encountered when they went to possess what God promised -They assumed they'd get unopposed victory
  3. His heart and mind was ready for it-He wasn't moved by it when it came and he made it to the end-**Ac21:10**-There came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. <sup>11</sup> And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. <sup>12</sup> And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for **I AM READY** not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus; **2Tm4:7**-I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith
- E. We gird up the loins of our minds pre-adversity-Get your heart and mind ready for action BEFORE things come to move you-**1Pt1:13**-**TP**-**PREPARE** your hearts and minds for action
1. The Holy Spirit tells Him about the adversity so he can get his mind ready-He decided what he's going to do before the adversity-**Acts20:22**-I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: <sup>23</sup> Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. <sup>24</sup> But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God
  2. Stuff is coming to move you and if you'll acknowledge it now, brace up for it now, decide what you're going to do now so you won't be moved by it later-EX: K.M was getting them man who smoked ready for adversity
  3. If you're not ready for adversity before it comes, it'll be too late to get ready when it-EX: Navy Seal visualizes adversity
- F. He wasn't ready for the wind-**Mt14:29**-He said Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind boisterous he was afraid and; beginning to sink he cried, saying, Lord, save me. <sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?