

TO THE END

Three Keys To Not Being Moved

- I. **Gird up-Loins are girt to prepare for action (secure tunic)-1Pt1:13-Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end 1Pt1:13-AM-Prepare your minds for action-AC-Brace up-CJ-Get your minds ready for work**
- A. Get the mind ready to hope to the end-Stuff comes-Mk4:15-Comes immediately to take away the word-Js4:7-2Co10:5-1Tm6:12-Ep6:16-Quench
 - B. Many are moved by adversity because they're not ready for it-They have a false sense of reality about obtaining a promise, assuming they won't encounter any adversity on the way to it (Nm13-They weren't ready for the walls and giants because they assumed they'd get victory unopposed)
 - C. When you go get what God promised you assume you'll encounter adversity on the way to it-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
 - D. We gird up the loins of our minds pre-adversity-If you're not ready for adversity before it comes, it'll be too late to get ready when it comes (EX: Navy seal visualizes adversity)-1Pt1:13-AM-Prepare your minds...
 - E. Stuff is coming to move you, acknowledge it now, brace up for it now, so you won't be moved by it later-Peter wasn't ready for the wind
 - F. His mind was ready for it, he wasn't moved by, he made it to the end-Ac21:13-I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus-Ac20:24-None of these things move me-2Tm4:7-I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course...
- II. **Sober up-To be sober is to be calm, controlled, unmoved by feelings; It is to absorbing the blow of adversity, not getting overly emotional and staying in faith instead of being moved out of faith because of emotions-1Pt5:8-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...⁹Whom resist stedfast in the faith**
- A. Being sober is connected to the enemy looking to devour-You can get emotional and come out of faith and be easy pickings for the devil
 - 1. Roger Herbert Commander of the Navy Seal training program-When you look at historic mistakes on the battlefield, they are almost always associated with fear and panic. So the capacity to control these impulses is extremely important.
 - B. On the way to the end you'll experience all kinds of emotions and emotions if allowed to will move you out of faith-Mt14:30-But when he saw the wind boisterous, HE WAS AFRAID; and beginning to sink
 - C. Learn how to feel negative emotions, but not be moved by them-Jairus absorbed the blow and didn't allow how he felt to move him out of faith-Mk5:35-There came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?³⁶...Be not afraid, only believe

- D. In the midst of bad report God said be quiet-Is7:3-His (Ahaz) heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind. ⁴...Take heed, and be quiet (to calm, be still, quiet the soul when agitate); fear not, neither be fainthearted..⁷It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass..⁹If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established
- E. Don't be emotional, be tactical-No matter how you feel, you want to make the necessary decisions to get the result that you desire

III. Toughen up-How strong/tough you are deals with how much you can take before you break and the tougher/stronger a thing is the more force it takes to alter it-Is41:10-Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness-**AC**-I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties

- A. Strengthen-Harden; Solid; Mentally strong; Firm; Toughness; The quality of sustaining the application of force without breaking or yielding
- B. Hardened to difficulties means they slam against us, but don't change us-It is toughness (firm, strong, not easily broken, able to endure hardship); You have to be able to absorb the blow of adversity, but not be broken by it-**2Tm2:3**-Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ
- C. If you quit before the end, it's not the pressure was too great, but that you were too weak-Pr24:10-If thou faint (leave, let go) in the day of adversity thy strength (be firm) is small
- D. In difficulties you have to harden up, set your jaw-I'm not letting the pressure change me-**Is50:6**-I have my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me; therefore I shall not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint (hardness, rock), and I know that I shall not be ashamed
- E. There's supposed to be a supply of strength coming from God to the believer that makes the believer unbreakable and hardened to difficulties-We're not supposed to be soft and weak-**Is41:10**-I will strengthen the-**Is7:4**-Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted (soft, tender, weak)-**1Co16:13**-Watch ye, stand fast (persevere) in the faith, quit you like men (brave), be strong