

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 9
"The End Result"

Somewhere I read that a bar of iron is worth 1 pound (English currency). But if the bar of iron is turned into horseshoes, it is worth 2 pounds; if it is made into needles, it is worth 70 pounds; into pen-knife blades, it is worth 350 pounds; into springs for watches, it is worth 50,000 pounds. The more the bar of iron is hammered and passes through greater heat and fire and polished, the greater the value.

The lesson we learn from this bar of iron is this – those who suffer more while trusting God for divine intervention, they are capable of yielding more than those who live on "Easy Street."

It is very common for God to give wonderful promises to His people. However, He does not tell us about the process that is involved to get to the end result. For instance, God promised Israel "a land flowing with milk and honey." He did not tell them about fighting giants and the endless battles they would face. Why is God like this? It is because He wants us "to walk by faith and not by sight" and for us to trust Him and trust ourselves on Him along the way.

Here is a wonderful promise from God during times of trials, hardships and discouragement: "Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). Romans 5:3ff says: "We rejoice in suffering because suffering produces perseverance; perseverance produces character; character produces hope; and this hope does not disappoint us..." The end-result of suffering is Hope!!

So, hang in there! Trust God! It's not over until God says it's over!

Have a blessed week.
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