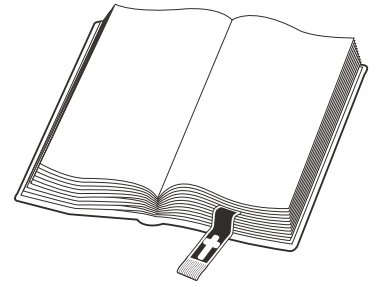


God's Faithfulness in the Midst of Evil



"Depart from me, you evildoers, for I will keep the commandments of my God!"

Psalm 119:115

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Beloved, you and I know we are daily surrounded by evil. As believers our hope and strength to resist evil and stay faithful to Christ come from daily reading and obeying the Bible. As we daily spend time praying and reading our Bible, the Holy Spirit will be faithful to lead us to the scriptures from which He wants to speak to us. He will forewarn us of Satan's attacks. He will strengthen us and prepare us so that we will stay faithful to Christ.

Obedience to God and the Bible is our *only* protection and comfort in the midst of this evil world! All through the Bible we see that God constantly tried to lead and guide His people. When they sinned against Him, He was faithful to send His prophets to try to speak to them. The Lord was faithful! He was patient. He was longsuffering, but the people would not listen. They hardened their hearts. They refused to repent, and they killed the true prophets. This is the picture of the world today. We want God to bless us, to protect us from evil, and to provide for our every need while we murder thousands of babies through abortion daily.

Beloved, there is not a lot of difference between how professing Christians live and how nonbelievers live. I travel a lot speaking in churches throughout the world. Believe me, pornography, adultery, lying, deception, stealing, greed, covetousness, pride, anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, selfishness, homosexuality, drugs, alcohol, and divorce are common in churches of every denomi-

nation. Since the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, I have heard a few Christian leaders call the church to repentance, but it has been very few. Many want peace so that they can continue living in compromising lifestyles, wanting to feel good without being good.

Philippians 3:18-19 reads, *"For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things."* Many are professing to love Jesus, but they hate the cross, and they are not true believers. They want a pain-free, self-indulgent, me-first salvation. This is a false salvation. 2 Chronicles 7:14 reads, *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

Beloved, we desperately need a revival in the church, here in the United States and throughout the world, and it begins in the heart of Janice McBride. It does not begin out there. It begins in my heart. It begins in your heart.

— *Janice McBride*

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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