

MOVE ON IN FAITH



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I tell you, we are in the midst of war! You are facing evil powers, fighting for your faith against the father of all lies. He is the one who has planted all those little thoughts: "Where is your God? Things are going from bad to worse. Your pain, your suffering, your needs keep mounting. God has promised to make a way of escape for you. So, where is the way? Where is your God now, when you need Him most?"

You are now being shaken and sifted. And in the midst of it all, your faith seems to have failed. Beloved, I have good news for you: *God is not mad at you.*

You may ask: "Doesn't Jesus suffer when we mistrust Him? Doesn't the Lord grieve when we waver and question His Word and His faithfulness?" Yes, yes, He absolutely does. But those who have failed in faith can still keep their eyes on Jesus.

How patient is our Lord, how merciful. He hears all our murmuring and questioning, He sees so many doubtful thoughts in our minds, and yet He looks upon us with forgiveness and compassion.

After Peter denied the Lord he was restored and lived out a great life of faith. Remember, Jesus had given him this word of encouragement at Passover: "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:32). This is the Lord's word for you and for me, as well. He tells us just as He told Peter, "Keep your eyes on Me. You are going to come through this. And you're going to help your brothers and sisters in My house."

Later, in the book of Acts (see Acts 12:1-10), we find Peter locked up in an inner prison. An angel comes to him, shakes off his chains, and tells him to get up and leave. At that point, Peter never looks at the impossibilities around him: the iron gates he had to go through, the many guards and soldiers he had to pass by at his own peril. Instead, Peter rises in faith at the angel's instruction, and when he comes to the iron gates, they open of their own accord.

So it will be for you, dear saint, if you are willing to get up and move on in faith.

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