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YOUR ENDING ASSURANCE RELIES ON YOUR PRESENT ENDURANCE

"GOD'S ABILITY TO SPEAK THROUGH ME VERSUS JUST TO ME" REFLECTIONS FROM DAY ONE OF MY 30-DAY HOSPITAL STAY

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A FEW PIECES OF PEACE

- SHARE THE INTROSPECTION, INSIGHTS, AND ILLUMINATIONS I EXPERIENCED FROM GOD ON DAY 1 OF MY MOST RECENT HOSPITAL ADMISSION
- PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CUSHION FOR OUR 2021 PLATFORM OF GOVERNING THE GLORY OF HIS GOVERNMENT (AS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS)
- START A DISCOURSE THAT WILL CONTINUE FOR "AWHILE"
- PROVOKE A CHANGE IN YOUR CURRENT STATUS AND PERSPECTIVE ON YOUR PURPOSE AND PATH (YOUR CURRENT LAP IN LIFE'S RACE)
- CONSIDER PORTIONS OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW CHAPTER 24 THEN AND NOW

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ENDURE

DEFINE ENDURING – AN ADJECTIVE THAT MEANS: CONTINUING; LONG-LASTING

- AS A VERB IT MEANS TO SUFFER PATIENTLY; REMAIN IN EXISTENCE; LAST

 in the sense of "continue," "last," as in <u>Psalms 9:7</u>, "The Lord shall endure for ever" (the American Standard Revised Version "Yahweh sitteth as king forever"); <u>Psalms 30:5</u>, "Weeping may endure for a night" (the Revised Version (British and American) "tarry" margin "may come in to lodge at even"); <u>John</u> <u>6:27</u>, "the meat which endureth," the King James Version, the Revised Version (British and American) "the food which abideth";
- (2) in the sense of "bear" (<u>Hebrews 12:20</u>):
- "bear up under," hardship, persecution, etc. (<u>2 Timothy 3:11</u>; <u>1 Peter 2:19</u>); "to remain under" (<u>Hebrews 10:32</u>; <u>12:2</u>; <u>James 1:12</u>; <u>5:11</u>); "to be strong, firm" (<u>Hebrews 11:27</u>); "to persevere" beneath a heavy burden (<u>Matthew 10:22</u>).



BIBLICAL WORDS AND USES FOR ENDURE

- <u>Hupomeno</u>, <u>phero</u>, <u>hupophero</u>, <u>anecho</u>, <u>kartereo</u>, <u>makrothumeo</u>
- A1. Endure, Enduring [Verb] meno "to abide," is rendered "to endure" in the AV of John 6:27; <u>1 Pet 1:25</u> (RV, "abideth"); <u>Heb 10:34</u>, AV, "enduring (substance)," RV, "abiding."
- A2. Endure, Enduring [Verb] hupomeno a strengthened form of <u>meno</u>, denotes "to abide under, to bear up courageously" (under suffering), <u>Matt 10:22; Matt 24:13; Mark 13:13; Rom 12:12</u>, translated "patient;" <u>1 Cor 13:7; 2 Tim 2:10</u>,12 (AV, "suffer"); <u>Heb 10:32</u>; <u>Heb 12:2,3,7</u>; <u>James 1:12</u>; <u>James 5:11</u>; <u>1 Pet 2:20</u>, "ye shall take it patiently." It has its other significance, "to tarry, wait for, await," in <u>Luke 2:43</u>; <u>Acts 17:14</u> (in some mss., <u>Rom 8:24</u>). Cp. B. See <u>ABIDE</u>, <u>PATIENT</u>, <u>SUFFER</u>, <u>TARRY</u>. Cp. makrothumeo, "to be longsuffering"
- A3. Endure, Enduring [Verb] phero "to bear," is translated "endured" in <u>Rom</u> <u>9:22; Heb 12:20.</u>
- A4. Endure, Enduring [Verb] hupophero a strengthened form of <u>phero</u>, "to bear or carry," by being under, is said metaphorically of "enduring" temptation, <u>1 Cor 10:13</u>, AV, "bear;" persecutions, <u>2 Tim 3:11</u>; griefs, <u>1 Pet 2:19</u>.



- A5. Endure, Enduring [Verb] anecho "to hold up" (ana, "up," echo, "to hold or have"), always in the Middle Voice in the NT, is rendered "endure" in <u>2 Thess</u> <u>1:4</u>, of persecutions and tribulations; in <u>2 Tim 4:3</u>, of sound doctrine.
- A6. Endure, Enduring [Verb] kartereo "to be steadfast, patient," is used in <u>Heb</u> <u>11:27</u>, "endured," of Moses in relation to Egypt. In the Sept., <u>Job 2:9</u>; <u>Isaiah</u> <u>42:14</u>.
- A7. Endure, Enduring [Verb] makrothumeo "to be long-tempered" (makros, "long," thumos, "mind"), is rendered "patiently endured" in <u>Heb 6:15</u>, said of Abraham.. Note: In <u>2 Tim 2:9</u>, kakopatheo, "to suffer evil" (kakos, "evil," pascho, "to suffer"), is translated "endure hardness," AV; RV, "suffer hardship;" so in <u>2</u> <u>Tim 4:5</u>, AV, "endure afflictions;" elsewhere in <u>James 5:13</u>. In <u>2 Tim 2:3</u> the most authentic mss. have sunkakopatheo, "to suffer hardship with," as in <u>2 Tim 1:8</u>.
- B1. Endure, Enduring [Noun] hupomone "patience," lit., "a remaining under" (akin to <u>hupomeno</u>), is translated "patient enduring" in <u>2 Cor 1:6</u>, RV, for AV, "enduring." Cp. makrothumia, "longsuffering" (akin to <u>makrothumeo</u>).



INITIAL WORDS TO VOH FROM MY HOSPITAL ROOM ON NOVEMBER 30, 2020

- God bless everyone and thank you for your prayers.
- My Flesh has not been strong enough to even "speak" a word to you (which has been my desire), but The Word Of The LORD continues to speak to me concerning me/you/us.
- So, I will emulate what our predecessor's role modeled when they were unable to be where they desired to be or to speak as they were unctioned by the Spirit of The Lord.
- I will pen what I believe God is giving me to share with you for such a time as this!

"END"-URANCE IN ORDER TO "END"

- To "endure" means to suffer patiently; last; remain in existence; staying firm during suffering without yielding; undergo without giving in; bear pain; tolerate suffering
- Reflects more Temperance versus Longsuffering
- Endurance is needed like never before!
- "Our" end may come before "The" end comes!
- We MUST be ready for BOTH!

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- As I further embrace my role for the portion of the 21st century assignment given to me, I want to be transparent and vocal about my commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ!
- Saints, I am in it to win it!
- Whether from hospital bed or a cathedral hall; God's global pulpit is where I want to be found, pleasing Him in ALL I say and do!



- The race of "life," whether our specific life, that of others, or the entirety of mankind is constantly called into question and subjection.
- Where does life begin and end? When is "the end?"
- These appear relevant and prevalent during the now that we are calling right at this second, "today," "now," "the present!"
- With all of the chaos of crime, social unrest, COVID, and generalized crisis; the question of "how long Lord?," is part of our normal breathing in and breathing out inquiry to our Sovereign Creator.
- The Lord spoke to me concerning this and I want to share what/how He revealed His Word to me – with and for you.
- Ecclesiastes 3:2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- <u>Hebrews 9:27</u> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

THE RACE HAS STARTED – BUT HAS IT ENDED?

• ECCLESIASTES 9:11 Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all.

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- <u>1 Corinthians 9:24</u> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.
- <u>Hebrews 12:1</u> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- <u>1 Peter 2:9</u> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- <u>Galatians 5:7</u> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
- MATTHEW 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.



THE RACE HAS STARTED – BUT IT HAS NOT ENDED!

- "THIS" race has NEVER been given to the swift nor to the strong but to those willing to endure to the end!
- When is "the end?" When is "it over?"
- One may say, "when the fat lady sings," and another may claim, "not till it's over!"
- Rather than relying on manmade idioms; let us ask the more appropriate question – "What does God's Word *teach us* and *speak to us* about [the end]?"



THE CURE TO ENDURE IS HIDDEN IN THE WORD

- Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple
- 24 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.
- ² But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."
 - THE DISCIPLES WERE ATTEMPTING TO GET JESUS TO DO SIMILAR TO LOT'S WIFE AND HAVE HIM LOOK BACK AT THE TEMPLE BECAUSE IT WAS THE CENTER OF JEWISH LIFE FOR ALMOST 1,000 YEARS – SO IT WAS CUSTOMARY TO SWEAR BY THE TEMPLE AND SPEAKING AGAINST THE TEMPLE COULD BE CONSIDERED BLASPHEMY
 - JESUS FORETELLS THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM AND EVEN AS TO MEN IN GENERAL TILL THE END OF THE WORLD
 - THIS IS THE LAST TIME HE WOULD BE AT THE TEMPLE IN HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION
 - THERE WAS A REAL TEMPLE AND IT WAS LITERALLY DESTROYED SO THAT PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED



JESUS' MOVEMENT ALWAYS HAS MEANING

- Signs of the End of the Age
- ³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.
- ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.
- ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.
- ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
- ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.
 - HE MOVED FROM THE TEMPLE AND SAT ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES WHERE HE COULD STILL OVERLOOK THE TEMPLE
 - TWO QUESTIONS POSED AND ONE QUESTION ANSWERED
 - WHEN WILL THESE THINGS BE? DOESN'T GET AN ANSWER
 - WHAT WILL BE THE SIGN OF YOUR COMING AND THE END OF THE AGE? GET'S ANSWERED IN DETAIL