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Where Everybody Is Somebody

The Roller Coaster Ride Of Genuine Faith

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Have you ever agree to take a roller coaster ride with a friend or a family member, you know... just to be supportive. Then you think to yourself, well it has been a long time and it will be enjoyable. But, then you begin to think about roller coaster rides in general. There are some that tends to jerk you from side to side. The biggest pain in the neck with roller coasters is you really don't know what is going to happen next. Nevertheless, you hang in there because you can not get off the roller coaster until the ride is completed. Remember, without faith, it is impossible to please the Lord (Hebrews 6:11).

David seem to have been on a emotional roller coaster. The shakes, the jerks, and the bumps were apart of David's walk of Faith. In order to be a strong Christian, you have to go through those shakes, jerks and bumps to get through the roller coaster. The Lord is still in control of the ride. Remember, be ye steadfast and unmovable in the word of God. Psalms 30:1 says *"I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me."*, the roller coaster ride of life is building your faith. Although you are rounding the curve and just about to go down hill, you begin to feel the winds and hear the screams. You begin to trust God. The word of God says you are never alone (John 14:18). Hang on in there, God is still on your side!

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How Was Your Day?

Submitted by Rose Townsend

Me: God, can I ask you a question?

GOD: Sure.

Me: Promise you won't get mad?

GOD: I promise.

Me: Why did you let so much stuff happen to me today?

GOD: What do you mean?

Me: Well, I woke up late.

GOD: Yes.

Me: My car took forever to start.

GOD: Okay.

Me: At lunch they made my sandwich wrong and I had to wait.

GOD: Hmmm.

Me: On the way home my phone went dead just as I picked up a call.

GOD: Okay.

Me: And on top of all that, when I got home I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot massager and relax, but it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today!

Why did you do that?

GOD: Well, let me see. The Death Angel was at your bed this morning and I had to send one of the other angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that.

Me: (humbled): OH...

GOD: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.

Me: (ashamed)

GOD: The person who made your first sandwich today was sick and I didn't want you to catch what he has. I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.

Me: (embarrassed): Ok...

GOD: Your phone went dead because the person who was calling was going to give false witness about what you said during that call. I didn't even let you talk to them so that you would be covered.

Me: (softly) I see, God.

GOD: Oh, and that foot massager had a short that was going to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark.

Me: I'm sorry God.

GOD: Don't be sorry, just learn to trust me in all things, the good and the bad.

Me: I will trust you.

GOD: And don't doubt that MY plan for your day is always better than your plan.

Me: I won't, God. And let me just tell you God, thank you for everything today.

GOD: You're welcome, child. It was just another day being your God, and I love looking after my children

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV)

The Roller Coaster Of Genuine Faith (continued)

After you put your faith in God, and the emotions are back to normal, the ride begins to slow down. You realize that God was in charge of roller coaster all along. 1Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) says, *"And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But you when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."* In conclusion, when life feels like a roller coaster, activate your faith. Remember, God has a way out for you. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) *"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."* Have confidence that God will see you through. And the next time you think of the roller coaster ride, remember "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me." Don't forget to activate your faith.

Inspirational Quote from the Newsletter Team

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Galatians 6:8-9 says, *"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*



And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." So remember, sow good seeds because what you sow, you will reap!

“It’s Alright To Laugh, Sometimes”



If you believe an unknown number of animals cannot fit into an unknown sized Ark, check your math. There's more known about the Ark than you know!

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