What Happens When A Christian Gets Discouraged?



1. We PRAY the wrong PRAYER

Numbers 11:11-15 And Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

- 13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.
- 14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.
- 15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

I Kings 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree:

and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

- 2. SAY the WRONG thing
- Job 3:1-3 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.
- 2 And Job spake, and said,
- 3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

3. THINK the WRONG thing

Prov. 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

4. DO the WRONG thing Moses smote the rock...

Numbers 20: 6-11 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them.

7 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

5. SEE the WRONG thing

Giants instead of God-

Num. 13:30-33 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

6. Get in the wrong SPIRIT

Spirit of defeatism
Spirit of murmuring
Spirt of grouchiness
Spirit of criticism

Luke 18:1b Men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Discouragement is one of Satan's BIGGEST weapons...some of the greatest men of the Bible faced DISCOURAGMENT but OVERCAME!

How to OVERCOME...

- 1. Admit you have been discouraged!
- 2. Stay in the WORD
- 3. Rely on your Church Family to lift you up! Don't run away from the church, rather run TO THE CHURCH!
- 4. Speak Words of LIFE/ Declare the WORD!

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