

A Walk in the Word

Small Bites

Day 5: WHY ME (310125)

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Observation: Peter is warning about the plans and tactics of satan and what he will do if he is successful.

Application/Analysis: Do you ever stop and wonder why bad things are happening to you? Do you ever think that life is not fair, or God is picking on you, or simply that you just cannot catch a break? Quite frankly, all of us do and it makes sense. However, I offer that we should take a step back and consider the before and after. Ephesians 6 tells us that we are caught up in spiritual warfare which means that satan knows some things that we do not and because of this he declares war on us. You see, if the enemy is attacking that means that he has peaked into your future of faith and service and sees what and how God plans to use you so he is literally trying to destroy you before you can realize and accomplish what God has planned for you. It is just like when Pharoah killed all the babies because of fear and when King Herod killed all the babies because of a similar fear. They both knew that if the babies were allowed to grow and develop that they would likely destroy all they had built. And clearly that did happen through Moses and Jesus. So as you experience the suffering know two things; 1) Satan is attacking because he wants you to fail before you can get started. 2) God will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast (1 Pet 5:10). So rejoice, my friend, the suffering will make you and me strong in the long run and we will be all the more equipped when God reveals his plans for our life.

Prayer: Father, thank you for growing us through our pains and sufferings. Help us to remember that you are stronger and wiser than the enemy and that you have never lost a battle. We love and trust you, Lord. In Jesus name - AMEN!

Takeaway: As you face challenges in your life, know that they serve a purpose and use them to let God grow you closer to Him. Thank Him for your experiences, good or bad, and ask him how you can use your experiences to serve the kingdom.