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This is the story behind the writing of the hymn, “**Blest Be the Tie that Binds.**” The author, John Fawcett was born on January 6, 1740 and he later became the pastor of the Baptist Church at Wainsgate, England. He had been converted under the preaching of George Whitefield, and at age 19 he had been baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Bradford. His ordination took place in 1765 when he became the pastor at Wainsgate. Six years later Dr. John Gill died, leaving the famed Baptist church at Southwark, London, without a pastor. Fawcett was offered the position but upon news of his leaving Wainsgate, the congregation was filled with grief. In those days it was rare for a pastor to move. As was custom, he would live and die among the people that he served in the gospel.

When the fateful day came, a van was sent from London to remove the Fawcett family belongings. Tearful men and women stood around and watched them carry the pastor's things to the van. Mrs. Fawcett went back into the home weeping and said to her husband, “**I know not how to go.**” He replied, “**Neither do I.**” Immediately, they ordered their things to be taken off the van and placed back in the house.

After the moving men and the good church people had left them alone, John Fawcett sat down and wrote the beloved hymn: “**Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds; Is like to that above.**” He died as he had lived, among his own people.

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.**

Quotes to Consider:

1. Families must continue to be the foundation of our nation. Families - not government programs - are the best way to make sure our children are properly nurtured, our elderly cared for, our cultural and spiritual heritages perpetuated, our laws observed and our values preserved. Thus it is imperative that our government's programs, actions, officials and social welfare institutions never be allowed to jeopardize the family. **President Ronald Reagan**

2. As Christians, we find ourselves captives in the Babylonian life of worldliness and pleasure that surrounds us, and instead of being transformed, we are conformed to this world. We have fallen in with the spirit of this 'present evil age' and are living a life of compromise, the outcome of which is a life of powerlessness and spiritual barrenness.... Let us dare to be a Daniel. **Clarence Larkin**

3. He is safe who is where God put him. God never hurries. There are not deadlines against which He must work. Only to know this is to quiet our spirits and relax our nerves.

4. **Children – Teenagers - Love your PARENTS** – We are so busy growing up, we often forget they are also growing old. In Ephesians 6:1-2 we read, "**Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. (2) Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;...**" A word to the **PARENTS** - Never stop **PRAYING** for your **CHILDREN**.

5. **Just a thought** - 100 years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank, nor what my clothes looked like. **But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child.**

6. **YESTERDAY** is history, **TOMORROW** is a mystery, and **TODAY** is a gift. That's why we call it "**the present!**"

7. If you are disappointed today, use it as an opportunity to learn about God and His love for you. Don't view disappointments as obstacles, but rather as gateways to learning. John Newton said, "**What to others are disappointments are to believers intimations of the way of God.**"

8. We're surrounded by a culture of coarseness and crudeness. We live among people who are liars, evil, lazy, and gluttonous. But a lost world needs a loving touch, and a lonely world needs someone reflecting the love of Jesus Christ. Someone said, "**Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love.**"

In His Amazing Grace

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“Character – Be Not Weary in Well Doing”

INTRODUCTION: In Galatians 6:6-10 we read,

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (8) 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. (9) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (10) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

There is a great amount of truth in verse 9, **“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”** The word for **“weary”** used here means **“tasteless and cumbersome.”** Sometimes we can let the good things become a chore. God said, **“Don't let the good things of God become tasteless and cumbersome.”**

Then He says, **“in due season.”** The Bible speaks of seedtime and harvest. You don't reap in seedtime, you sow; you reap at harvest time. There is a waiting period. **‘In due season’** means **‘at the appointed time.’** When it is time to reap, you will reap if you do not faint beforehand.

Notice there is a process of sowing and then reaping, God said, **“in due season.”** Not immediately, but **“in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”** Sometimes people get exhausted in the work of the Lord. People may give in to pressure and heartache in the midst of battle. A lot of times folks are in a good work, but they just get exhausted under pressure, and they don't wait until the due season to reap. They get discouraged and faint in their service to God.

Usually exhaustion or giving-up comes from burnout, trying to do too much, too quickly. The culprit is often trying to go too far too fast, instead of moving at a steady pace, with a consistent goal, and doing it patiently, waiting for the fruit to come. A runner must pace himself. He can't win the race in the first lap. It doesn't matter if he's 300 yards in front of everybody else in the first three laps, it matters where he finishes. It matters if he can hold out till the last lap. To win, he has to pace himself.

I like what Paul says in II Timothy 4:7, 8.

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

I want you to know that Paul didn't loaf. Paul didn't sit back in the corner and let somebody else do the work. But he didn't burn out either. He paced himself. He was faithful and consistent. He stuck by the stuff all of his lifetime.

Some folks are what you might call a **‘flash in the pan.’** They get wound-up and go hard for two or three months. Then they fizzle out. They did not pace themselves, so they get weary in well doing.

George Whitefield said, **“Lord, I am weary in Thy work, but not of Thy work.”** It's tiring to do the will of God faithfully and consistently. It's going to take extra time and effort. But if you get weary of well doing, not just weary physically in the midst of it, it then becomes a task and a chore instead of an enjoyable endeavor, and it won't be long before you quit.

You'll get a lot more done for God if you consistently and faithfully give yourself to a task and do it at a steady pace for a lifetime than if you kill yourself with it and burn out in six months. Then Paul said, **“As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men.”** How often?

As often as we have opportunity we should 'do good unto all men.' Here are some areas where we ought to beware of weariness and discouragement.

FIRST: BE NOT WEARY IN SERVICE TO GOD. The Bible says in I Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Abounding is abundance - always excelling. Not just getting by, but doing what is above the requirement; continually excelling in the work of the Lord.

Sometimes we get to the place where we look around and say, "Where are the results?"

Don't worry about where the results are, just keep laboring for God. God didn't tell us to look for the results.

He told us to do the work. If we do the work, He'll do His part.

Our part is to do the natural. His part is to do the supernatural. We are to be faithful to the task that He has given us. God will be faithful to do His part.

In II Corinthians 4:1 the Bible says, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy we faint not." What is our ministry? Every one of us has at least a three-fold ministry.

We have a **ministry of intercession in prayer.**

We have a **ministry of giving**, of ourselves and of our finances.

We have a **ministry of sharing the Gospel message.** Jesus said, "**Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.**" That is one ministry that every child of God has, whether he is a pastor or an evangelist or a layman in the church. Whether you have a full-time position in the ministry or not, everyone has a three-fold ministry of prayer, giving and soul winning.

While we are serving God we can rest assured the devil is going to keep some kind of pressure on us all the time. There's always something to discourage us, something to get our minds off the main goal. The devil is relentless. He doesn't have any quit in him. If we win on one battle front, he'll be back on another in a day or two. You and I have to be careful that we don't get worn down and give-in under the pressure that we face in our daily lives.

SECOND: BE NOT WEARY IN SOUL-WINNING. It's so easy for us to give up on lost people. It's easy to get discouraged. When your children were born, they didn't do everything that they do now. When they didn't come to the table by themselves did you say, "Well, they must not have gotten born"? No, you said, "Hey, we have to go get them. We have to bring them to the table. We have to feed them. We have to change their diapers. They can't take care of themselves." It's the same with brand new converts. If we're not careful the devil will make us negative about people getting saved. We'll get the idea that nobody's getting saved, and we're wasting our time. We'll get weary in well doing.

Most folks are willing to go soul-winning for a few weeks or months. They often come back and say, "Oh, I'm terrible at this task." Unfairly, they may be comparing themselves to somebody who has been soul-winning for ten years. They say, "I guess I'm just not cut out to be a soul winner. I just can't do it." God says, "**Be not weary in soul winning. Be not weary in the matter of delivering souls from hell.**"

THIRD: BE NOT WEARY IN STRIVING AGAINST SIN. In James 4:7 the Bible says, "**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**" We pick up on the last part of that, but often forget the first part. We say, "**Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**" That's true, **AFTER** we submit ourselves to God. We have no power to resist Satan until we submit ourselves to God. When we are under the control of the Holy Spirit, then we can have victory, striving against sin.

Some folks say, "I've tried and tried to get victory over sin. My flesh and my old habits have a terrible grip on me." God said, "Don't get weary in well doing. Don't give up. Don't say, 'I can't.'" God says that victory is available. There is nothing coming your way that someone else hasn't already faced and if they handled it, you can too. I Corinthians 15:57 says, "God giveth the victory."

FOURTH: BE NOT WEARY IN PRAYER. In I Thessalonians 5:17 we read, "Pray without ceasing." In Luke 18:1 we read, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." In both Luke 11 and Luke 18, the Lord gave us the admonition not to faint in our prayer lives. While the one was persistent in praying for the needs of others, and the other was persistent in praying for her own needs, they both are instructed not to give up on prayer.

It takes tenacity to get the victory over sin. **Failure plus failure plus failure plus failure equals success - if you don't quit!** A man that won't be beaten can't be beaten. When I fail, I just get up again. I don't quit. Nobody is defeated because they fail. **They're defeated because they quit!**

Allow me to give you some very practical principles on how **NOT** to become weary in well doing. Here are four **DO NOTs**.

Number 1: Do not CHANGE a thingr When you are going through this period of time in your life **DON'T CHANGE A THING.**

When the day comes that you are just going through the **MOTIONS** and you do not tingle at what you are doing, but you just keep on doing what you are supposed to do, that is the day you will begin to **DEVELOP GODLY CHARACTER.**

When the day comes that you weary in your service for the Lord, just keep serving the Lord. This is not the time to run to the Pastor and say I quit, find somebody else. You keep on serving through the time of spiritual weariness because God has placed you there. When you transfer your motive from a tingle to obedience you are **DEVELOPING GODLY CHARACTER.**

Do not change a thing. Just keep on keeping on until the **DUE SEASON.**

God is trying to find out if you are **FOR REAL.**

God wants to know if you're living for Him is out of **LOVE** and **OBEDIENCE** or is it because you are just having fun. Now fun is a by-product God sometimes gives us, but it is out of **OBEDIENCE, LOVE** and **COMMITMENT** that we live to serve Him.

Number 2: Do not make any DECISIONS, while you are in a time of weariness. Do not make any life changing decisions in a down period of life. Such as:

to quit your job,
to change churches,
to quit your service for the Lord, or
to stop reading your Bible or praying.

I wish I could introduce you to people who have become weary in doing well and then quit their service and left the church and out of pride will not come back to where they ought to be. When you get hurt, or feel down over some problem, do not make life changing decisions. Wait on the Lord, wait until you are on the top side once again before you make life changing decisions.

Number 3: Do not run to anything NEW while you are in a time of weariness.

You cannot live with the **NEW** all your life. You will soon run out of **NEW** churches, **NEW** jobs, **NEW** homes, and **NEW** areas of life. **REMEMBER THE NEW BECOMES THE OLD VERY QUICKLY -**

literally in a matter of weeks.

To me the **OLD** and the **USUAL** impress me more than the **NEW**. Most of life is spent doing the **ROUTINE** more than doing the **NEW**. Therefore, do not look for better and greener pastures during a **time of weariness**.

Folks, you are not going to be happy long term, because of **WHAT YOU HAVE**. Rather your happiness comes from **DOING THE WILL of GOD**. Be happy with what you have, when you have it, and where you have it. When something **NEW** comes along, enjoy it, but don't seek it. Rejoice because God blesses faithfulness in the routine of life.

Number 4: Do not blame ANYBODY or ANYTHING for a time of weariness. When you get into one of these times of weariness and things become "**tasteless and cumbersome**" just:

KEEP on praying and reading your Bible,
KEEP on serving the Lord,
KEEP on loving your wife or loving your husband,
KEEP on loving one another,
KEEP on soul winning,
KEEP on coming faithfully to the house of God,
KEEP on listening to the preaching, and
KEEP on loving your children unconditionally!

You also might want to memorize this little poem to remind you not to quit:

**When your health is feeling sickly and the medicine tastes bad,
When your fellowship is lonely and your happiness is sad,
When your warmth is getting colder, and in clouds your
Sunshine's clad - DON'T QUIT!**

**When you find your wins are losses and that all your gains are lacks,
When ill things never run alone, and your troubles run in packs,
When your soul is bruised and battered from the tempter's
Fierce attacks - DON'T QUIT!**

Keep on keeping on for in **DUE SEASON** you will reap the **JOY**. I hope Galatians 6:9 will be an encouragement to you this week, "**And let us not be WEARY IN WELL DOING, for in DUE SEASON we shall reap if we faint not.**"

If God has spoken to your heart after reading the sermon "**Character – Not Being Weary in Well Doing**" then right now talk to God about what He has spoken to you.

Do you have the assurance that one day you will go to heaven? If you have no assurance that you know Jesus Christ, then I trust you will decide to accept Him as your personal Savior. The Bible tells us in

Acts 16:31, "**...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...**"

Romans 10:13, "**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"

This prayer is here for those who need to ask Jesus to be their personal Savior: "**I do want to go to Heaven. I know I am a sinner, and I do believe Jesus Christ died for me. I realize I cannot buy this great salvation, nor can I earn it. Knowing Jesus died on the cross and arose from the grave to pay my sin debt and to purchase my salvation, I do now trust Him as my Savior, and from this moment on I am completely depending on Him for my salvation.**"

If you made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior let me know? Please send an e-mail to, pdmikBBM@aol.com and I will send you some literature that will help you in your Christian life.

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