

Dear Friends in Christ:

Praise the Name of Jesus Who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-3 "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

As we approach the season when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, I would like to direct your thoughts to Jesus faith as He moved closer and closer to His death and resurrection. The scripture tells us to consider Him, so I am encouraging you to consider Him. On the way to the cross Jesus talked freely about what would happen after His resurrection. He knew that He would be seated at the right hand of the Father. He knew that all power would be given to Him. He knew he would return by the power of the Holy Spirit to indwell the believers, and He would provide them strength to carry out His mission on the earth. Even though there would be great hardship and pain, His faith never wavered. He saw that everything was following a plan, not His own plan but that of the Father.

<u>Luke 9:51</u> "Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem."

Matthew 20:18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,"

Mark 9:31 "For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

Matthew 26:64 "Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

John 8:28 "Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things."

Jesus had faith in the resurrection. He knew what was going to happen to Him, and He knew how it would turn out after His resurrection. I also have placed my faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Don't grow weary or discouraged, Look at Jesus and the resurrection. Keep "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Thanks again for your love, thoughts, prayers and support.

Yours in Christ, ><>wayne<><