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LESSONS FROM RECENT TROUBLES AND TRIALS

Dearest Friends,
Welcome to
another WCF SHORTS!

There is always a victory for us who go through trials and tribulations! There are many reasons we go through tests, purges, 'annoying stuff', as well as attacks from the devil and others.

There are dozens of verses about this: I am going to use one to begin, since this is a 'Short'.

1 Peter 4: 12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the **fiery trial** which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Trials can be fiery. They burn your mind sometimes and even your body and health.

Recently, I went through a series of trials that I finally noticed were like big (to me)

waves one after the other over the space of three weeks. I realise, that compared to many people, what I will share is nothing by comparison. But the effect of trials, until you get the victory, is often similar.

In fact I'm still going through huge battles much larger than the small ones described below. Please pray for me as we continue this fruitful ministry.

- I bought a new old car. A used car. I prayed a lot about it. We already have a small car which is lovely. But I needed something for long distance and ministry. After I bought it from a car dealership, the battery had died by the next morning! They did tell me the battery would eventually need replacing by winter, but here I was at the beginning of summer!
- I had to buy a new battery, still I thought it's still a great deal price wise to get this executive Honda Accord for £1,300.

A battery arrived after 3 days with a precious young man

who did a great job.

- I thought well, I need a new battery in one of the fob/keys. I went down to the same store who provided the main car battery. After he put a new battery in the whole key didn't work. I showed him the other key, which was perfectly 'healthy'. The two young technicians messed



around with that, and after 30 minutes, they had managed to somehow render it also inactive. I was stuck at their auto centre and had no way home, because neither key now worked. Finally, they managed to activate the alarm of the car as well, using one of the physical keys in the driver's door and were unable to turn it off, except eventually

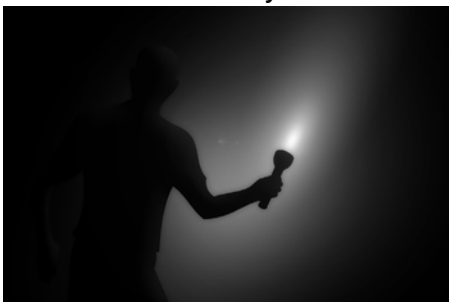
unloosening one of the battery cables.

All I could do they said, would be to drive it straight home with the alarm on which was 5 miles journey, and then take off one of the battery cables to stop the alarm. That's what we did!

We claimed new keys from this nationwide store which took a week to send a competent person. After almost two hours the very pleasant man re-programmed the keys, and we have been driving it ever since.

Uncertainty, the unnecessary waste of vital ministry and personal time was the trial here and of course waiting to see if the company would pay for it all, which they did, quite promptly. (Nearly \$450)

- The next day we had a



huge power cut, which left us 12 hours with no electricity, no internet and no laptop usage possibility.

I was able to cook meals on our trusty camping gas stove, which we keep for emergencies. It was a blessing. All our neighbours helped and encouraged each other during this power cut. We communicated by our WhatsApp group.

- A few days later, my bank notified me that

there had been 'Fraud on my card'. I went in to see them and went through the whole process of looking at what could have happened and, after making it all 'right', they ordered me a new bank card which I am expecting any day. We had to find other ways to pay bills and shop, fortunately we had some cash and so on.

So, these were some minor irritations. **Material things break, wear out and the system of man is never full proof. What struck me most this time, is that as soon as one 'battle' ended, the next one began almost the next day and some battles went on in an overlapping manner. As I said they were almost like real waves coming at you. What an amazing experience.**

You can't just break down and whine and complain, you have to stand on God's Word, pray and expect a miracle. You could even praise and thank the Lord for the troubles and ask Him what He is trying to teach you (and me). There may be also children, young people watching how you react. They will remember your faith and peace when you have departed this life, and that will be a testimony to them.

They will tell their own children in the future, 'oh, yes, I remember Daddy, when we had all these troubles, he just kept on believing, and in the end God came through and Jesus did the miracles'.

I close with these few victorious verses from

Jesus Christ.

John 14: 14

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Until next time,
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BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH
GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

I COR 15:57

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