THE WATCHMAN'S LETTER

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DO NOT GROW WEARY ON THE WALL

Persevering in Prayer When Answers Seem Delayed

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." - Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

There is a weariness that comes not from doing the wrong thing, but from doing the right thing for a long time without seeing the result we hoped for. Intercessors know this weariness. We pray for the Church, families, leaders, the lost and the nation. Sometimes breakthrough is visible; sometimes the answer seems delayed. Scripture does not pretend that weariness is impossible. It tells us not to let weariness decide whether we remain faithful.

THE WATCHMAN MUST LEARN TO REMAIN

A watchman is not measured by how exciting the night was. He is measured by whether he remained at his post. Much faithful intercession is unseen and repetitive. There may be no applause and no immediate evidence that anything has changed. Yet God honours perseverance.

FAITHFULNESS IS NOT MEASURED BY IMMEDIATE RESULTS

The farmer does not abandon the field because seed disappears beneath the soil. There is a season between sowing and reaping. Prayer often has the same hidden quality. Our responsibility is obedience; the timing and outcome belong to God.

DELAY IS NOT ABSENCE

God's silence is not proof of God's absence. Abraham waited. Joseph endured years he could not explain. David was anointed before he was enthroned. The disciples waited in Jerusalem before Pentecost. Waiting can become a place where God forms the people who wait.

RETURN TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

When prayer becomes only responsibility, the burden can become heavier than our awareness of God. We are not called to carry Australia as though its future rests on our shoulders. We are called to stand before God for Australia. Worship, thanksgiving and Scripture restore perspective.

DO NOT LET DISAPPOINTMENT BECOME CYNICISM

Cynicism often sounds mature because it can identify real problems. But biblical discernment never requires hopelessness. We can recognise weakness in the Church without despising the Church, and cultural pressure without believing the Gospel has lost its power.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE TIRED

Pastors, intercessors, parents and faithful believers may be carrying burdens no one sees. Some have served for years with little recognition. Some have been disappointed by people they trusted. Ask God to renew them and consider whether your encouragement can become part of His answer.

KEEP DOING THE GOOD IN FRONT OF YOU

Perseverance becomes practical. Keep praying, forgiving, serving, discipling, gathering, giving and sharing Jesus. The enemy would like weary Christians to withdraw from ordinary faithfulness because dramatic change has not arrived. Scripture tells us to continue doing good.

REMEMBER THE HARVEST

Galatians 6:9 gives both promise and condition: in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. We cannot manufacture the season, but we can refuse to abandon the field. Some prayers may bear fruit in people we never meet.

PRAY WITH OTHERS

Isolation magnifies weariness. Shared prayer reminds us that no individual carries the whole burden. Let others pray when your words are few. Corporate intercession can restore strength because we hear faith expressed through another believer.

REST IS NOT QUITTING

Jesus called His disciples to come aside and rest. Spiritual perseverance does not require neglecting the body, family or healthy limits. Exhaustion can distort discernment. Rest can be an act of humility that acknowledges we are servants, not saviours.

KEEP YOUR EXPECTATION BIBLICAL

Expectation is not demanding that God work according to our timetable. It is confidence in His character. We believe He hears, He is good, He is wise and He is able. That kind of expectation can survive delayed answers.

LET TESTIMONY STRENGTHEN YOU

Remember prayers God has already answered. Rehearse stories of salvation, provision, healing, guidance and restoration. Testimony reminds the weary heart that today's unanswered prayer is not the whole story.

STAND FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Some intercession is long-term by nature. We pray for children and young people knowing that formation happens over years. Do not give up because change is slow. Faithful adults who pray, listen and model Christ can shape a generation.

FINISH THE MONTH STILL STANDING

We began October with a call to stand in the gap. We finish with the same call, but with deeper understanding. Standing is not a moment. It is a posture of faithfulness. Australia still needs believers who will pray without panic and persevere without bitterness.

THE GOD BEFORE WHOM WE STAND IS FAITHFUL

Our endurance ultimately rests on God's faithfulness, not our strength. He does not grow weary. When ours fails, we return to Him. The watch continues because His mercy continues.

THIS MONTH: STANDING IN THE GAP

Pray for weary intercessors, pastors, families and churches to receive fresh strength from the Lord and remain faithful without cynicism.

10 PRAYER POINTS

- Renewed strength for weary intercessors - Isaiah 40:31
- Perseverance in prayer - Luke 18:1
- Pastors carrying hidden burdens - Galatians 6:2
- Churches facing discouragement - Hebrews 10:23-25
- Families under sustained pressure - Psalm 127:1
- Wisdom for leaders - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

• Fresh Gospel opportunities - Colossians 4:3

• Protection from bitterness - Hebrews 12:15

• Encouragement among believers - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

• A harvest of salvation and awakening - Matthew 9:37-38

A PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Heavenly Father, strengthen those who have become weary in prayer. Forgive us where disappointment has become cynicism or delay has caused us to lose heart. Renew pastors, intercessors, families and congregations across Australia. Keep Your Church faithful in Scripture, courageous in witness and steadfast in love. Give us grace to continue doing the good You have placed before us. We trust You with the timing and the harvest. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WATCHMAN'S RESPONSE

Identify one area where delayed results have made you want to withdraw. Bring it honestly to God, ask whether He is releasing you or calling you to persevere, and then obey without resentment.

OUR MISSION

To equip, encourage and mobilise Spirit-filled believers to pray, proclaim God's Word and contend for revival, reformation and the advancement of God's Kingdom in Australia.

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