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PREPARATION

The word preparation has been on my mind for the last several months. As we study the scriptures, we see there were many instances of preparing and preparation. Esther was in preparation for at least a year before she was taken to meet the King.

Preparation is a good thing. We should stay in a place of preparation. We should be prepared to share the love of God wherever we go. We should be prepared by reading the Word of God daily. I can attest that each day brings many challenges in various forms. Sometimes it is a minor thing, and then other times it is a major event. Sickness, finances, relationships, hardships, all come to each of us as believers. How we deal with them generally is determined by how well we have prepared.

Think of Jesus in the ship, he had been ministering and was tired. He laid down and fell asleep. While he was asleep a storm came up. The disciples did not know what to do. They even falsely accused Jesus that he should have been awake to take care of the problem. He arose, spoke to the storm, and it subsided. The disciples were overwhelmed with amazement at what he had done. He rebuked them for not having faith.

Walking with God should equip us and prepare us for every situation of life. But it takes preparation to avail ourselves of the answers. As we study the word of God, we see Jesus' faith in action. He didn't just talk about it, he lived it. Every morning he arose early and spent time with his Father in prayer and that is how he prepared for his day. I would have to say the Father let him in on what was going to happen that day.

How often have we felt a tug from Holy Spirit, an inner knowing that something was not quite right? Did we ignore it to only find out that God was trying to prepare us? Yes indeed! We fail to be led by the Spirit of God and tend to trust our own understanding. This is the opposite of what God wants from us.

We must take time to prepare and watch the "signs" and listen to Holy Spirit. Then and only then will we be prepared for what the day will bring. There are no "accidents" with God. He knows everything and wants to lead you into truth. Take time to be prepared and when the challenges come you won't be caught off guard.

Remember, Satan has an assignment and that is to stop God's assignment in your life. He doesn't play fair, but with God preparing us we can't lose! Be blessed!