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THEY DID NOT QUIT

No one ever said that the Christian walk was going to be easy. A lady once told me that once you became a Christian that things would be so much better. How foolish her statement was. It may be true in the spiritual realm because we are promised eternity with Jesus, but it is not the case in the natural realm.

Jesus promises us that we will be mocked, spoken against, ridiculed, thrown into prison, have family turn against us, be called evil when we do good, martyred and more. Sounds to me like qualifications for a job that no would want.

Yet those early disciples that heard him speak those words knew the price of the "call" and were determined to not quit. The apostle Paul who viciously came against the early church made an 180° turn when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. Jesus showed him the many things he would suffer, but he kept pressing towards the mark. He did not quit.

The apostle John was boiled in oil but lived to tell us about it. He was put on an island that houses the insane. While there, he wrote the book of Revelation. He did not quit.

Throughout the world there are thousands of Christians under persecution for their faith. They do not let persecution deter them from sharing God's word and the truth of the gospel. Many have been put to death for their faith, but they did not quit.

Only in America are people desensitized to suffering. We have bought into a gospel that says that we will never have problems if we do the right thing. We have bought the lie that if we train our children in the things of God that they will never turn from it. We live in our comfort zones and want to stay there. When these teachings do not work in their lives many have turned their backs to God and quit.

Yet, there are those have stood the tests that come and have suffered while being ridiculed for their stand for Christ. Friends and family have turned their backs on them. In spite of this they have been willing to pay the price to serve God with their whole hearts and have not quit despite the loneliness of their walk with God.

The days are becoming darker and darker in the world my friends. There will be a time that you and I will have to make a choice. Will we deny Christ and be allowed to live or will we stand strong in our faith in Jesus Christ and be martyred? I choose not to quit. I pray that you are prepared to do the same. It may cost us our lives, but this life is short compared to eternity!