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# Heart 2 Heart With God **PERSISTENCE**

The power-house of Christian faith-walk is Agape (Divine Love). If you really study this Agape Love you will understand Christian life, I mean victorious Christian life is based on this Agape love! We are encouraged to walk in this love. "Walk in love....." (Ephesians 5:2). Faith worketh by love, "...but faith which worketh by love" (Galatians 5:6).

This means a person who walks in love, is totally obedience to the Lord and His Word! "If ye love me keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). AGAPE (Divine Love) MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

I believe when we walk in Agape then this virtue is at work in us. We who have put our trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and has a specific call over our life from our God we surely walk in the Agape love! And those who walk in Agape they are obedient and persistent in their faith-walk with Him! Today we will see two people of God how they were persistent in their faith-walk.

## **MOSES AND TEAM**

Exodus 17:8-16. A beautiful event took place here. Amalek came to fight with Israel. Moses said to Joshua to choose men and go to fight with Amalek and He Aaron and Hur they would go on to hill with the rod of God and pray. As long as Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. Aaron and Hur took a stone and made Moses sit on it and Aaron and Hur held his hands till evening and finally Israel got victory over Amalek. Here we see Persistence in Prayer. One more thing is to be noticed here that they four were in one mind, united to face the enemy!

God told Moses to write the victory for a memorial in a book and to rehearse it in the ears of Joshua. Moses built an altar, and called the name of it **JEHOVAHNISSI** (Jehovah is my banner). In other words: "The Lord is our Victory!" How important it is in our Christian life that we develop this virtue of Persistence! Our good God loves to see this virtue in us!

**1).** Persistent prayer is not begging God for His blessings; persistence prayer is knowing that God is the blessing – He is not only able to provide but also He desires to do so in His own timing. **2).** Persistent prayer manifests one`s faith in God, which gives God glory!

## **RUTH AND NAOMI**

I would like to again talk about Ruth in today`s devotion. I looked very closely at her persistence in following after Naomi, her mother in law, rather I would say that she was persistent in following after God of Israel! We found that almost all the disciples of Jesus were not at all persistent in following Jesus. Especially look at Peter. After Jesus gave him call "follow me," he and others left everything and followed Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22). But after the crucifixion of Jesus and resurrection we find that Especially Peter along with others left for following Jesus and went back to their former job of fishing. Jesus had to revive Peter and asked three times same question, "Do you love me?" And finally tell him, "Follow me!" And their after we see that Peter did not turn back following Jesus Christ!

**Persistence in PRAYER and in FOLLOWING AFTER JESUS** is most important for Christians.

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you the Word of God and Faith, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).



## **PRAY FOR US!**

Please pray for our 4 Pastors` families including me and Prema. For the safety and for the provision and protection at this time.

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