

The Struggle Equation... Week 2 Divine Direction
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A + B = C --- It is ALL about Perspective.

If A = Jesus and C = Eternity with Jesus and Eternal Impact...
then how much B struggle could you endure?

But...

If A = Me added to the struggle then...
C = Confusion/Conflict/Bondage/Waste/Worry

1. Who is on First?

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.”

Romans 8:5

2. Outward Perspective Produces Eternal Focus.

...but to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival, however, would provoke her bitterly to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. It happened year after year, as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she would provoke her; so she wept and would not eat. Then Elkanah her husband said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?”

1 Samuel 1:5-8

3. Surrender Fuels Perseverance and Tenacity.

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Oh, God-of-the-Angel-Armies,
If you’ll take a good, hard look at my pain,
If you’ll quit neglecting me and go into action for me
By giving me a son,
I’ll give him completely, unreservedly to you.
I’ll set him apart for a life of holy discipline.

1 Samuel 1:9-11

4. Faith Generates Courage.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “The daughters of Zelophehad are right in *their* statements. You shall surely give them a hereditary possession among their father’s brothers, and you shall transfer the inheritance of their father to them.”

Numbers 27:6

5. Fear Must Take a Different Name.

Imposter Syndrome

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

What Struggle Could You Endure With More Grace If You Knew the Inheritance that Came With the Struggle?