



A Faith Worthy of Attack

“My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into various temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience...blessed is the man that endures temptations: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him: (James 1:2, 3, 12).

True faith trusts in what Jesus can do and not in what self can accomplish. Matthew 17:20 reads, “If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall be removed; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” A grain of mustard seed allows God to do all the work; there is no resistance or effort on its own part to accomplish anything. It is simply at the mercy of God. This is the kind of faith that is worthy of attack from Satan, because this kind of faith gives God all the glory – first for life and then for the results of this life. This kind of faith produces results because it depends solely on God.

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In the last part of verse 20 we read, “Nothing shall be impossible unto you.” First notice that the Word tells us that nothing shall be impossible unto us, which clearly reveals the fact that whatever is accomplished in a believer’s life is from another source than its own. “For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13).

There are Christians who go with the idea that they have attained such a strong faith that God surely will use them mightily. They feel that they should always be on the mountaintop and that Satan cannot attack them. There is pride here and not true knowledge of God’s Word, which shows His most faithful followers being tempted and attacked by Satan. Their victory was in trusting God, being obedient to the Word, and letting Him work out the problem. This is the kind of faith Satan will attack because it gives Jesus all the glory, and Satan does not like this. The battle is between God and Satan.

A faith that is worthy of attack will do as we read in John 15:4: “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you except you abide in me.” “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you” (v. 7). Here we can plainly see that it is in Jesus that our faith must be to bring the right kind of results.

Whenever a Christian gets to the place where he feels that he must do this or that to please God, he is not free in Christ. The believer that wants and allows God to work through him is the free one and has the living, joyful faith. A faith that has one striving and struggling to please God with good works will never come under severe attack from Satan, but he will only encourage that believer to keep right on struggling and striving even more. It is not our striving to do things for God that counts at all, but it is simply our abiding in Jesus and allowing God to work in and through us. Then we are free in Jesus. When Satan attacks, as he surely will, our victory, too, is to rest in the finished work of Christ.

To serve God through struggling and striving to please Him is work, and it tires one to do this. When God is allowed to do His work in and through us, we may become physically tired at times, but never spiritually tired. We have a deep, inner peace and rest knowing that God will accomplish through us that which He has set out to do, and we as believers rejoice and rest in this fact. This kind of faith is worthy of attack but will never succumb to it. Christ has won the victory for us. Praise His blessed name.



Testimonies from EKE in Hungary

Small Breadcrumbs from the Youth Camp

A Youth Camp was held in Piliscsaba on Feb 16–18. The themes of the devotions were as follows.

Being Formed on Jesus' Side

1. I am a sinful man Luke 5:1-11
2. New name John 1:41-42
3. Who can be saved? Luke 18:26-28
4. Who do you say that I am? Matt 16:13-20
5. Denial or love? Matt 26:69-75; John 21:15-18

A few words from our brother Máté Kiss on the event:

“The youth camp on the weekend made a good impression. The final number of participants was between 65 and 69. The soundtracks of the devotions are available on the website eke.lutheran.hu. We experienced that God was present and working among the ministers and the participants. Several lives were renewed, and we hope several people started life in faith. Thanks to God for all.”

Márta Stanka received some news on the same event. It made her rejoice, and she wrote about it (on Mar 8) as follows:

“Let me share a good news I heard on Saturday. We were at the conference of CEF Hungary, and I came across Erika, from Érd. She had been the first in her family to turn to Jesus; her husband followed her later, during a family camp. They brought their daughters, Petra and Tekla to this camp. The latter said then, “Aunt Márta, I don’t want to repent, because I know that my friends, whom I love very much, will

never repent, either.” “But then you and your friends will go to hell and be lost.” “I don’t mind,” she said, “for then we will stay together.” I talked to her a lot during the camp, telling her that it would be much more blessed for her to turn to God, and then share the good news to them as well, that they could also be saved. God can work powerfully in their lives, too. Unfortunately, she stayed intractable. I have met her mother several times since then; she said there was no change in Tekla’s life; moreover, Petra had left her alone with the ministry among children. However, when I asked her on Saturday, she said joyfully that both daughters had been in the youth camp; it was Tekla who persuaded her sister to go to Piliscsaba for the weekend. We have a wonderful Lord, Who answers prayers, and Who does not want one of us to be lost. The mother’s face showed great joy and peace, because God had not left Tekla either. I believe that when she is saved, she will show the light to her friends, whether they will still be her friends or they will have turned away completely.”

A comment by Pál Göllner:

I remember Erika and her family. Erika received Jesus Christ as her Savior in 2001. I still have her letter sharing about this. She wrote, among others, “... I was able to confess my sins that had been depressing me for so long, taking away my peace. The Lord Almighty buried them on the bottom of the sea, and they cannot be brought back again... I became the child of the Lord, which fills me with measureless joy and gratitude. I thank God for saving me and showing the way into His kingdom...”

The story of the family is to be continued. Praise the Lord!

Mar 16, 2018

Katalin Antal’s short report on the Faith Deepening Weekend Conference of EKE

We came together on a Faith Deepening Conference in Piliscsaba from Mar 16 to 18. The morning and evening devotions spoke about the person of Jesus Christ, based on the Nicæan Creed and related Bible passages. The theme of the forums in the afternoon was ministry – serving God and the character of the servant. It was a great joy, apart from seeing brothers and sisters already known,

many new participants, some of whom were already walking with the Lord, others were still away from Him. The young girl and her sister mentioned in the report on the youth camp, Tekla and Petra, came to be built up spiritually. The Sunday worship service was held together with the local congregation and with the students of the Bible School. Pastor Zoltán Bozorády preached the Word of God.

The themes and the passages of the forums on ministry:

The servant – John 12:26 “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me.”

The ministry – Matt 25:21 “You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things.”

The records of the devotions can be found on eke.lutheran.hu

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Marit, Ellie and Sondre, with views from our apartment. Photo: Altanguli Uzgyeriskhan.

Home in Mongolia

New country, new language, new culture, new colleagues, new convenience store and new smell in the stairs, to name a few. Marit, Sondre and Little Ellie find themselves in their new home in Mongolia.

We have had our first six weeks here in Mongolia. I will try to give a little insight into how it has been for our little family.

Sondre knows the country well before. With three years in the back as missionary child in Mongolia, and a year as a year, it was a bit like returning home for his part. For me and Ellie, on the other hand, there has been a little more impression to digest.

But, the great culture shock has allowed us to wait. It can still come and do it for sure soon. But for so long, I think we can honestly say that we have had six very nice, busy and adventurous weeks here in Mongolia.

Homemade coarse bread

We are all different. For me, it has been important to put in place a home. We have now lived three weeks in the capital, Ulan Bator, and have been a week at a conference. After four weeks in a suitcase, it was therefore extra good to open the door to our new apartment.

We want to think that this is home, that this city is ours and that the people we meet are our neighbors and part of our everyday lives. Here we are going to live our life and it is exciting.

We want Ellie to enjoy her learning the language and make friends. That as a family we can witness Jesus, together. Through an everyday life among non-believers. We have really gotten well in place in Western Mongolia. We have learned that in the green store without a sign, on a side trip to the bridge, we can get the mozzarella to the pizza. We have figured out what flour we can buy to make good homemade bread. Little things.

But also some of the simple things that together help us to know that this is home, and as a result, we as a family can enjoy and live our daily lives here. Then we can enjoy the normal days where we have the time to both visit and meet people outside.

Child, not employee

It is good to be the children of God. God is not our employer. He does not depend on the job we do. But he wants to lead us, give us wisdom and walk the way with us. And he does. We are so grateful to be here we are, and to be sure that this is where God wants us now.

Then we can have great expectations that he is implementing his plan with our lives. Then we may not see the results of this work now and now, and maybe never. But we should equally trust that God is working.

Isaiah 55, 8: "For my thoughts are not their thoughts, and their ways are not my ways, says the Lord."

We have now started our life here, believing that God has a plan with it. Then we ask for wisdom, patience and love to do His will. It feels good to be home in Mongolia.

Translated from UTSYN

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*So God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
Genesis 1:27*

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John Stott

"Don't worry about other people's opinions of you. God never told you to impress people; only to love them."

DaveWillis.org

*It's hard to grow your faith inside of your comfort zone.
#go*



I didn't suffer for Jesus in prison. No! I was with Jesus and I experienced his very real presence, joy, and peace every day. It's not those in prison for the sake of the gospel who suffer. The person who suffers is he who never experiences God's intimate presence.

— Brother Yun —

News from the Halversons

April 2018 Back to Flying!

Jamie is now back to flying our Kodiak airplanes in support of Bible translation here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). The flight training that he had at Park Water Aviation in Spokane, Washington, in late February went very well. Thank you for your prayers for Jamie and also for Lisa and the kids. It was also a huge blessing to have Lisa's mom here for the time that Jamie was away.

Jamie has not been flying a lot yet, as there was a lot of time needed to review regulations and study for and complete check rides. However, that is done now and he anticipates that he will be quite busy flying very soon. March was an extremely busy month of flying for our other pilots. Besides our normal flights, we had three medical evacuations to Australia and another two from remote locations in PNG back to Ukarumpa, as well as relief flying for people affected by the 7.5 earthquake that struck the Southern Highlands area of PNG on Feb 26. So the other pilots are looking forward to having Jamie help carry the load. **Please pray for safety and energy for Jamie as he flies.**

Madang Vacation!

With Lisa's mom here for a visit, we thought it might be a good time to take a vacation. So in early February, we took a vacation to Madang, PNG, which is a 230 mile drive from where we live in Ukarumpa. The 6-7 hour drive each way was long, and it would have been nice to have made the trip in one of our Kodiak airplanes in 27 minutes, but it was a great chance to see the country and the change in topography. It also reminds us of the blessing we can provide through aviation to all of our staff here who need to travel around the country, especially those who live and work where there is little or no road access. While in Madang we were able to enjoy some nice swimming in the ocean and a break from the normal schedule.



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NLM	100.00

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