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The currency of heaven will be faith tried by fire. **1 Peter 6-7 6) Wherein ye greatly rejoice though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7) that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.** Faith that has not been tested is not faith at all. It is easy to say Christ is a healer if I have never been sick or to say Christ is my provider if my faith has never been tested in the area of finances. Years ago when I was in construction business I had bought a new John Deere backhoe. It was the best they sold at that time. It was a 4-wheel drive extend-a-hoe with a new and improved backhoe boom. After 3 months on the job, one day we were digging and tying in a highway bore for rural water.

While digging beside the highway, I had to get the backhoe into some tough places and after I was finished, we noticed that the backhoe boom was bent out of shape and I couldn't use the machine and had to take it to the dealer to get a new boom put on it. The John Deere representative told me that the new backhoe had been tested and that they had *never* seen anything like that happen before. I told him that is because it was never tested in real life situations. It is the same way with our faith. It has to be tested in real life situations. A car company can claim to have the best vehicle on the market BUT only after tested in the real world by many different people can they really know the quality of that vehicle. It is in life's journey that our faith is tested. Heaven's currency is faith tried by fire. Faith is not the great things that are done in the sight of men, but faith is that which keeps going, keeps believing and never gives up. Some of my

dearest friends are great men and women of faith not because of their big ministries but because they just keep going forward in God. One man lost his father and mother in a murder-suicide years ago. Another friend lost his brother in an accidental shooting and years later he lost his other brother and sister-in-law in a house fire, just days before his wedding. Another precious woman lost her daughter 1-day old in the hospital. I could go on with others; some divorced while not their fault; another always sick while some in need of a job just to feed their families, their faith has been tried. You won't find them in a tavern crying over what they don't have but every time the doors are open in the House of God, you will find them thanking and praising God for what they do have. It says in **Ecclesiastes**

In Times Like These

We read the headlines daily and listen to the news,
We shake our heads despairingly and glumly sing the blues ~
We are restless and dissatisfied and we do not feel secure,
We are vaguely discontented with the things we must endure

~
This violent age we live in is filled with nameless fears
As we listen to the newscasts that come daily to our ears,
And we view the threatening future with sad sobriety
As we're surrounded daily by increased anxiety ~
How can we find security or stand on solid ground
When there's violence and dissension and confusion all
around;

Where can we go for refuge from the rising tides of hate,
Where can we find a haven to escape this shameful fate ~
So instead of reading headlines that disturb the heart and
mind,

Let us open up the BIBLE and in doing so we'll find
That this age is no different from the millions gone before,
But in every hour of crisis God has opened up a door
For all who seek His guidance and trust His
all-wise plan,

For God provides protection beyond that devised by man ~
And we learn that each TOMORROW is not ours to
understand,

But lies safely in the keeping of the great Creator's Hand,
And to have the steadfast knowledge that
WE NEVER WALK ALONE

And to rest in the assurance that our
EVERY NEED IS KNOWN
Will help dispel our worries, our anxieties and care,
For doubt and fear are vanquished in
THE PEACEFULNESS OF PRAYER.

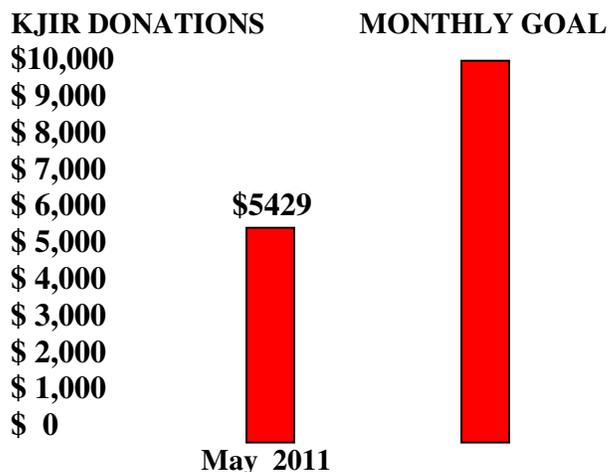
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9:11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of under standing, nor yet favour to men of skill: but time and chance happeneth to them all. If you live long enough, you will have troubles, trials, temptations and persecutions. This has nothing to do with a positive or a negative confession but it is a trying of our faith. You can never know the weakest link in a chain until you pull on it. We can never know the things in our heart until we are tested. Only then can we really know the keeping power of Christ. You may be reading this right now and be saying does God know where I'm at in this trial. YES, HE does! Hold on to His Word. The Bible says He will never leave us or forsake us. It is a test; it has to be this way. Adam and Eve's love for God had to be tested. That's why the serpent was in the garden. We are not alone in our trial. God is there! Just cry out to Him and He will answer! **Psalm 34:6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.** You are going to make it; don't give up. The currency of heaven will be faith tried by fire. So with every trial, your heavenly account is being enlarged.

Our prayer for you and your family is that Our Heavenly Father will keep and stand by you in this time.

In Christ,

Pastor Ken Geisendorfer



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