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God knows the end as well as the beginning of our lives. Also in Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. All along in this life as a Christian, God is working in us to bring us to the end result of His purpose. In II Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen. The promises of God are only yea and Amen to them that believe. The Bible tells us Abraham believed God and God imputed it to him as righteousness. Abraham walked worthy of the calling God had placed on his life. Now when we see the word worthy, our mind immediately starts thinking about earning our way into God's grace. To walk worthy is to believe God and take Him at His word. That means, we will have to walk by faith. We cannot please God without faith. So, to walk worthy is to stop looking at our inability

and look at God's ability. Stop looking at our lack and look at God's provision. Don't look at your weakness but at God's strength. Matthew 22:14 tells us; for many are called but few are chosen. It is faith that separates the called from the chosen. Now this faith we are talking about will always bring with it faithfulness and faithfulness will be to God and His Kingdom. If we say we have faith then faithfulness will be part of that faith. It is the crucible of time that we must go through to have our faith tested. Have you ever seen a married couple after 20-25 years of marriage and you tell yourself, I didn't think they would stay married because the first couple of years were pretty shaky? But the test of time proved their love for each other. You may ask about another married couple and find out they were divorced after just a few years and you say they started out so strong but it just didn't last. It is the crucible of time that will test every ambition, motive, idea, promise, love and word from God. I want to look at a few people in the Bible that passed through the crucible of time and their faith prevailed. Noah heard from God to build a boat and for at least 80-120 years he did what God told him to do. I see nowhere in scripture where God ever talked to him again until God closed the door of the ark. Now Noah, year after year, decade after decade had his faith tested. Abraham was 75 years old and it was 25 years before the promise was fulfilled. In Romans 4:20 it tells us that Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief but was strong in faith. Joseph was 17 years old when God gave him a dream or a promise for his life. 13 years later after being sold as a slave; being falsely accused of attempted rape and 10

Think On These Things ...

I would like to buy \$3.00 worth of God, please. Not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. I don't want enough of God to make me love my enemies or pick beets with migrants. I want ecstasy, not transformation. I want warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy \$3.00 worth of God, please.

Wilbur Rees

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years in prison, Joseph received the promise. His faith was tested. What about Joshua and Caleb having to wait 40 years to go into the promise land? It is one thing to wait for the promise in faith thinking it could come at any moment but it is another to know you will have to wait forty years to receive the promise of God. Real faith always brings faithfulness to God. Look at David and Saul. In <u>I Samuel 10:1</u> Saul is anointed king of Israel. One chapter later in <u>I Samuel 11:15</u> Saul was made king of Israel and in <u>I Samuel 15:28</u> the kingdom was taken from Saul because of his unfaithfulness to God and His Word. Now, David is anointed king of Israel in <u>I Samuel 16:13</u> and 19 chapters later in <u>II Samuel 5:3</u> David was made king of Israel after running for his life for 10-15 years from King Saul. Because of David's faith that stood through the crucible of time, David will always have someone on the throne from his lineage and that one is Christ the Lord. Walk worthy is to stand the test of time in faith and continue to be faithful to the Lord; and <u>GOD WILL BRING THE PROMISE</u> for they are yea and Amen in Him. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving and prayer for this Radio ministry. May the Lord keep you and your family.

In Christ, Pastos Ken Geisendosfes

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