

## HOW TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT

**“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”**

**(Psalm 30:5)**

**It's the HOLIDAY SEASON and we must remember that JESUS is the Reason for the Season! We are blessed beyond measure with life, health and strength. It could have been the other way! Yet, there are others who are dealing with issues that seem unbearable. The world seems as if it has turned upside down and inside out! It is more complex than ever before. What use to be simple is now complicated. And, what use to be right is now wrong. Our lives are filled to the brim with challenges and choices in our daily walk with the Lord.**

**However, the night time seems to be the worse time when the enemy will speak to us tell us “you can't make.” He'll try to make our nights miserable and we will stay up all night long worrying over things that will not happen. If the devil can get our minds, he can get us. I would like to encourage you to “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” (Proverbs 3: 5). Because it doesn't matter how long something takes – If it is in God's plan for your life, it will happen. So, don't allow this HOLIDAY SEASON to take steal your joy just because you can't do what you would like to do, or have what you would like to have. Just think on the goodness of the Lord and His keeping power. It's Christmas and YOU are still here!**

**The nights can be lonely and discouraging. It's dark. Some of us live alone. Others don't share in your love and joy for the King of Kings. And, some still wonder “why can't we just get along.” Oh! the night times bring out moments of fear, doubt and frustration. So much happens during the night. When your day is over and you are weary for a good night's sleep, it's not always easy to make it through the night. Pain often hurts the most at night. (physical, mental and emotional) Ambulances and police sirens are heard during the night. Rape and incest occurs at night. Many crimes are committed at night. Streets and highways are often repaired at night. We dream at night. The battles of life trouble us more at night. You can feel abandoned, lonely and depressed at night. BUT, you can make it through the night!**

**God Can Direct You Through The Night: The problems that we face can defeat us or develop us. It all depends on how we respond. Sometimes God has to light a fire under us to get us to move. It can come at night. When others are sleeping God can be talking to us. He can direct us to count our blessings and not our troubles. The tears may fall (and they will) our bodies may ache for slumber (and they will) because our sleeping is disturbed by this and that ... but God can direct us through the night.**

**God Can Correct You Through The Night: Why the night? Because there are fewer distractions; there is a greater chance of you listening and getting it together. Some lessons we learn only through our pain and failure ... some lessons we learn through the night. Yes, through the night ... what you did, what you did not do, what you said, or what you did not say ... it can trouble you through the night. BUT God's Grace will keep you through the night as we are being corrected to do the “right” thing.”**

**God Can Work On Perfecting You Through The Night: God is far more interested in our character than our comfort. So, through the night, it matters not what you accomplish or how far you succeed in your every endeavor, we need Christ in our lives. He can perfect us through the night. His strong hands of love can help us turn our feeble attempts into true masterpieces. He can give us a joyful spirit through the night. We can cast all of our fears on Him and communicate with Him privately as He prepares us to be better.**

**This is not really a HOLIDAY MESSAGE .... It's more like a HOLIDAY PROMISE! When the Holiday Season is over and all of the gifts are unwrapped, exchanged ... the tree and all of the decorations are taken down ... the guests have gone home ... the children are back in school ... the jingle bells no longer jingle ... can you make it through the night?**

**Believe God's promises. They are without fault. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness." (II Peter 3:9) "If the Lord have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it." (Ezekiel 24:14) "Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3) "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him." (Psalm 91:5)**

**God's promises won't fail. Trust Him and never doubt. You can make it through the night because "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3)**

**In this upcoming NEW YEAR continue to live a "good and holy life" so God can recognize you as one of His children. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons and daughters of God." (Romans 8:14)**

**I wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR .... Give God room to work in your life even if it's at night .... YOU CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT!**