

Sincerely Pondering Our LORD's Vital Example

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In the account of our Lord's final preparations for His atoning sacrifice, we find tucked away one HUGE principle God so graciously extends. Can you see it in the reading of Mark 14 ?

After rebuking some about their mistreatment of the woman who anointed Jesus with spikenard and during the Passover and Lord's Supper celebration with His disciples, we find this:

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, ‘This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.’ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”
Mark 14:22-26 ; NKJV

In the midst of facing His soon crucifixion, our Lord Jesus maintained big-picture perspective. He, even in His great distress (vs. 33), kept the big picture in mind. Yes, Friday – His death – was rapidly approaching BUT so was Sunday – His resurrection!

An example to us? Our Lord Jesus, troubled as He was by His looming sacrifice for mankind, did not lose sight of His Father's commission. Yes, He asked for the cup to be taken away but He also said to His Father, “nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.” (Mark 14:36)

Indeed, what a precious example to us! Even though the ordeal before Him was most pressing, it was not overwhelming to the degree He failed to see His sacrifice for mankind through. Thanks be to God!

In “keeping our eyes on the Author and Finisher of our faith,” we, too, would be well served in keeping the big picture in mind. Yes, many of us will experience the *war against the Saints* BUT, during this time of end-time tribulation against us, we most assuredly need to keep a Christ-centered, big-picture mindset. We need to remember what follows. Eternity! Sincerely: Our eternal state is at stake. May we resolve to *endure to the end*, relying on God's help to do so.

The big-picture, JOY-filled perspective which our Lord modeled while facing the cross (Heb. 12) helped enable Him to endure in seeing His saving act of atonement accomplished. The big-picture, JOY-filled perspective – as we face increased opposition while remaining in Christ – will help enable us to endure (our Father's commission to us) as we've been so called.

As we further contemplate our Lord's example to us, may we yield to the fruit of God's Holy Spirit in order to grant us help in and through the upcoming days of great spiritual warfare.

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