

Life in the Fast Lane



Building Blocks of Breakthrough: Getting Past the Roadblocks

Just 3 more miles...

One year our family took a motor home to Yosemite for a vacation. As Bill and I plunged into the snow banks with son, mother-in-law and dog (I still remembered how to make snow angels), Bill and Darin decided to take a walk. The guys were not dressed warm enough for the trek and I fretted... but the sign said "Mirror Lake – 3 miles". They got lost. And, being men, they refused to ask for directions. The next 3 signs said exactly the same thing – "Mirror Lake – 3 miles" even though they had probably traveled 7 miles by now. Freezing cold and disoriented by this time, they managed to hike up to the main drag and flag down a park bus. Rescued – praise God! However, the phrase lived on. Whenever a trip got lengthy and anyone grumbled "how much further?" the answer was always - "just 3 more miles".

Twenty years of ministry later, I sometimes grumble and ask the Lord – "how much longer until I see the healing, the fullness of ministry, the flowing of abundance, the constant richness of Your glory, the salvation of family?" And He says, "stay with Me just 3 more miles." Last month my Mom passed away. As Christians, we are broken-hearted and elated all at the same time. It sometimes feels like a hollow place in my heart. So many friends and family are praying with me and it is a soothing balm to my spirit. And, through the tears, the Lord whispers to me..."just 3 more miles"...and I feel like going on.

II Corinthians 4:8,9 says... *"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down but God never abandons us. We get knocked down but we get up again and keep going".*

Has the fiery furnace of life been testing you also? You may not know it yet – but you are a firewalker! Jesus stands in the middle of the fiery furnace with you! The strong men bound up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (just like the devil binds us up) and threw them into the middle of a furnace so hot it killed the men who put them

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there. We may look like we're all bound up, but we have not even put on the armor yet! Hang on, the prison doors are about to be opened and the captives set free. You may have been bound up in confusion, despair, oppression, drugs, alcohol, pain, but we have a greater covenant with an awesome God who can strip the bindings away. Hang on, there is a river of faith pouring from the wellspring of faith that is alive in me (us). Be loosed women of God! IT'S ONLY 3 MORE MILES!

Firewalker Strategies:

- Find a firewalker friend to stand with you in the furnace.
- Post scriptures of encouragement everywhere.
- I bought myself a bracelet and had the phrase "3 more miles" engraved on it.
- Sing and dance encouragement to yourself before the Lord.
- Don't be ashamed to weep in your hard times.

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