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Suffering for the gospel

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# Price of not understanding

Suffering for the Gospel; emotional pain, persecution and put in ban. Suffering could have been relieved through prayer, and more expectation what God can do in the now. Praying for people you’re involved with. As an evangelist, the pain is significantly less than when you’re a pastor. Harder when disappointment happens to leaders of your church. Your friends, family, key leaders. One of the new members getting healed and key leader doesn’t.

**We don’t understand this, but it makes us want to quit.**

Some people you believe deserved to be healed that don’t get healed. Metal getting healed all the time, but his best friend had to have surgery 3 times already. Someone comes up with the exact cause, he sees her get healed of what he has.

**If we feel our allegiance is based on our understanding we won’t follow for very long.**

He did not say: if you understand me, follow me. He just said: follow me. Only in this life can we praise Him in the midst of disappointment. If every time we pray people would get healed people would sign up for what they would get instead of the message of the Gospel.

Acts 19:11-12 (ESV) And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

Timothy; trephines getting healed??

# Not every attempt is victorious

Not every attempt is a victorious one, if you have several in a row you can get discouraged. You have such a small anointing compared to somebody’s else. It builds faith, don’t share the disappointment. Are you willing to carry the cross and endure the emotional pain when you don’t understand and it doesn’t happen the way you expect it to happen?

As a healing evangelist you are still hurting, but as a pastor it is more painful. God, I say yes, I will carry this cross. I am aware after this message there may be pain associated with this ministry.

# Mystery of healing

The happiest people alive Demos and Charles Price. Charles Price got a gift of healing that time, they felt angels around her bed that day. All bones were put into place and she was healed. She receives a prophesy about how long she would live, less than 20 years. At the fulfilment of that time she died of cancer.

**God give us grace to bear my cross in the face of death.**

# Willing to die for the Gospel

Richard beaten by the police close to death. Then the police almost beat him to death, told him you can’t preach anymore. He can’t preach anymore inside of his own university. Joseph, you taught them so well, they believe you so strongly. Richard, you have carried the flag of the cross as far as you could do it, you’ve done a great job. Plant the flag, his wife told him Richard you must be willing to die for the faith. You can’t not preach.

Suffering is not just about healing. We are going to feel the cost and the price of this cross on our shoulders, there will be times we will lay it down. It’s not that we won’t go to heaven, because somebody else will pick it up.

**Why don’t more people pray for the sick? It’s painful.**

So many healing, people went into the institutions to get sick people. People have hope that through him he would get healed, it is what he just preached on. Looking at them, they’re looking at him with hope. He doesn't remember any of the healings, never forgot that boy. You want to quit, because you feel the pain and the weight.

Who is God going to use to heal people, if not you?