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TENACITY

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JESUS is the ultimate, the best example for us to see what true tenacity is.¹ This word means “the quality of holding fast or unwillingness to quit, resign, or let go”; like a man refusing to let go of his rights, or in the case of JESUS, the TRUTH and HIS mission. People who follow the preaching of JESUS and the teaching of the truth even to the death, what JESUS requires, are tenacious followers.²

When anyone attempts to make a tenacious person give up, that person will express righteous indignation and become even more determined to go on many more times than before, even to the death of their physical body.

Sometimes the tenacious person becomes so tired of dealing with ignorant people that in their weariness, they may, like Elijah, despair of life. “And he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life” (1 Kings 19:4). They wish GOD would take them, but when HE doesn’t, they just keep on going as JESUS did, even to HIS death on the cross.³

Where would we be if JESUS hadn’t tenaciously gone all the way? And what else can we do? Our eternal life in Heaven depends on our

continuing on to the end.⁴ “He that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22).

There was a man in the Bible named Jacob, the son of Isaac and Rebekah. Jacob was a man of peace who lived in tents. He would rather be at home than be like his brother Esau, who lived the dangerous life of a hunter. He was his mother’s favorite, but Isaac showed favoritism to Esau, his brother.⁵

The first event between the brothers was when Jacob purchased Esau’s birthright for the puny price of a pot of pottage, like beans or stew.⁶ Jacob took advantage of his brother’s hunger to accomplish the right to the lineage of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, our SAVIOR and GOD. A firstborn son receives, as the birthright of the firstborn, a double portion of the

father’s inheritance (Deuteronomy 21:17). However, with the patriarchs, it gives more. It gives the rulership of the people, the brethren, the entire family, and the title to the blessing of promise (Genesis 27:4, 27-29), which also included the future possession of Canaan (the Promised Land) and of the covenant fellowship with the ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF (Genesis 28:4).

Isaac became old and lost most of his sight. He was about to present Esau with the blessing because he was the elder son, but was curtailed by the deception instigated upon him by Rebekah (Isaac’s wife and the mother of Esau and Jacob) and Jacob. Jacob impersonated Esau, and added falsehood to the scheme. So Jacob received his father’s blessing (Genesis 27:1-29).

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1 Matt. 26:20-57, 27:11-14, Luke 4:1-31, 6:12, 18:31-33, 22:37-44, John 8:37-59, 10:11-18, 11:47-54, 16:32-33, 17:1-4, Philp. 2:5-8, Heb. 4:14-15, 1 Pet. 2:21-24 2 Josh. 1:9, Isa. 40:31, 41:10-13, Dan. 3:13-18, Matt. 10:16-39, 16:24-26, Luke 22:28-30, Acts 5:17-42, 14:21-22, Rom. 8:16-18, 12:1, 2 Cor. 4:17-18, Philp. 1:27-30, Col. 1:21-24, Heb. 11:32-40, James 1:12, 1 Pet. 1:3-9, 2:19-24, 5:6-10, Rev. 2:7-26, 6:9-11, 12:10-11, 14:1-4 3 Luke 9:18-22, John 17:4, 19:13-30, Philp. 2:5-8, Heb. 12:1-3 4 Matt. 24:13, John 8:31-32, Rom. 2:7, 13, 8:35-39, 11:21-22, 12:1, Gal. 6:9, Col. 1:21-24, 1 Tim. 4:14-16, 2 Tim. 2:1-3, 8-12, 3:14-17, 4:5-8, Heb. 3:5-19, 6:4-6, 12:1-2, James 1:21-25, 5:10-11, 2 Pet. 3:10-14, 1 John 2:16-19, 24-25, 28, Rev. 3:1-5, 11-12, 21 5 Gen. 25:24-28 6 Gen. 25:29-34, Heb. 12:15-17

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Esau hated his brother because of the deception and the success of it. He planned to kill him, but was waiting until his father's death. Rebekah informed Jacob of Esau's plans, so Jacob fled to Rebekah's brother Laban's home in Haran. Isaac approved. He wished Jacob to marry a kinswoman, not a daughter of Canaan.⁷

Jacob married Laban's two daughters. He served Laban fourteen years for them, seven years each, and another six years. He became wealthy. He fled from Laban and received news that his brother Esau was near.⁸

To make a long history short, after sending his two wives, two concubines, and his children away, Jacob was alone at night. It was a night of prayer, during which the Angel of the LORD (it was the LORD) wrestled with him to find out how much power he had with GOD. Through faith and tenacity, he prevailed, so his name was changed from Jacob to Israel, which means "wrestler with GOD."⁹

Genesis 32:24-30 states, "And there wrestled a man [the LORD]

with him [Jacob] until the breaking of the day. And when HE [the LORD] saw that HE prevailed not against him [Jacob], HE touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with HIM. And HE [the LORD] said, Let ME go, for the day breaketh. And he [Jacob] said, I will not let THEE go, except THOU bless me. And HE [the LORD] said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And HE said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with GOD and with men, and hast prevailed.

"And Jacob asked HIM, and said, Tell me, I pray THEE, THY name. And HE said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after MY name? And HE blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen GOD [CHRIST] face to face, and my life is preserved."

Jacob had to receive a blessing from GOD. His brother Esau was near, and he thought perhaps he still wanted to kill him. When you need an answer from GOD, don't let go until you receive the blessing (the answer).¹⁰

Matthew chapter 15 tells of a woman of Canaan who cried unto JESUS, saying, "Have mercy on me, O LORD, THOU SON of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But HE [JESUS] answered her not a word. And HIS disciples came and besought HIM, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But HE answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then [like Jacob] came she and worshipped HIM, saying, LORD, help me [not giving up]. But HE answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, LORD: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then JESUS answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith [you know that I am a good GOD, but I require faith and tenacity]: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour" (Matthew 15:22-28).

Let's take hold of GOD in the name of JESUS and get our answers to the most impossible situations we face, as many others have.¹¹ If you're

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7 Gen. 27:41-46, 28:1-9 8 Gen. ch. 29-31, 32:1-8 9 Gen. 32:22-30 10 Psa. 34:4-17, 55:15-23, Matt. 7:7-8, 21:21-22, Luke 18:1-8, John 15:7, Rom. 8:26-27, 12:12, Eph. 6:17-18, Philp. 4:6, Col. 4:2, 1 Thes. 5:17, James 5:13-18, 1 John 5:14-15 11 Josh. 10:5-42, 1 Kings 18:20-40, 2 Kings 6:14-23, 18:13-37, 19:19-37, 1 Chron. 5:18-22, 14:8-17, 2 Chron. 14:9-15, 20:1-30, 32:1-22, Est. chs. 4, 7-8, Mark 11:24, Luke 11:9-10

Thailand

Peace be with you. I hope that everything is going well with you and your ministry. I received several newsletters and thank you for sending me copies. It's a big help for me, especially in this place, to know about God and what He can do in my life. I have been here in prison four years. I miss my family and have been longing to be with my children to take care of them, and also hoping for freedom soon. I know that God has a purpose in everything, and His time is the best time. Please include us in your prayers that God will grant our freedom and to take care of all our needs in this place. Thank you very much for including me in your mailing list. God bless you and your staff.

Sister in Christ,
A.M. Samphors

Bangkok, Thailand

Malawi

My dear brothers in Christ,

I want to give thanks for your love to me and my ministry. With your gift of the teaching materials, we have discovered the truth. Many people from the Roman Catholic religion are coming to Jesus. Keep on sending me literature and Holy Bibles.

God bless,

J.M.

Bangwe, Malawi



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Zambia

Dear Ambassadors of Christ,

I write to inform you that I have today received the package you sent. Thank you very much for it and for your hearts for the lost souls. We salute you for that here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be informed also that the crusade I told you about early this month was a success. We saw the mighty move of the hand of God as many Muslims gave their lives to Christ confessing Him as Lord and Savior of their lives. This was accompanied by signs, wonders and miracles—the sick

were healed, the demon-possessed were delivered, and the bound were set free in the MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. Hallelujah to the LAMB OF GOD! Besides that, 48 people were baptized. I have attached pictures of people that were baptized. We are having another crusade next month. Pray with us for the Lord's provision for the necessities of this crusade. Hoping to hear from you soon!

Truly yours in the Lord's service,
S.J.N.

Chipata, Zambia



Colombia

(Translated from Spanish)

Dear Brethren from the Alamo Ministry,

We are very happy to be serving the Lord in the gospel here in this city of Medellin. My wife Gladis, along with me, thank the Lord as well as you for accepting us as your brethren in Christ because we feel a part of your ministry. We are praying that the Holy Spirit gives witness and thus be able to work together in the holy gospel of God's kingdom and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much for your support with your literature. We just received today a big box of Christian material including Bibles and the books as well as other materials.

God bless you. It will be distributed PRAYERFULLY with a word of testimony, that Jesus Christ lives and He is the only hope for humanity. We need your support very much for the work here. The people are very hardened, very idolatrous, but the Word of God will continue working in their hearts. Amen.

Blessings in Christ,

Evangelist Torres and Gladis

Medellin, Colombia

El Salvador

(Translated from Spanish)

We want to inform you that we already received the box with newsletters, Bibles, *Messiah* books and T-shirts. We have distributed them all free of charge in evangelism. Each time more souls come to the feet of Jesus Christ. We request another donation of more newsletters, Bibles, *Messiah* books and T-shirts.

Sincerely,

Pastors Joel and Isaac

San Salvador, El Salvador

Healing and Salvation

Dear Pastor Tony, Brothers, and Sisters,

Thank you for praying for me. Two doctors originally checked my eyes and said I had a nevus mass behind one eye, which could be cancerous, and that I had to see a specialist right away. I went to a top specialist who checked, but could not find it. I answered, "Glory to God!" I told him how concerned the other doctors were, so he wanted to check again. While he checked, I explained that my pastor, Tony Alamo, is Jewish and a born-again Christian, and that he and our church prayed to Jesus for my healing.

Dr. Israel then said, "I have checked everywhere and it is not there. Prayer works!" The mail department sent him Pastor Alamo's testimony and the *Messiah* book.

As we were leaving the office, Sister Mary Jane, who was with me, had the chance to speak to a woman who had been very depressed. She told her what just happened to me, and after being witnessed to, she wanted to give her heart to the Lord and be saved. She said the sinner's prayer of repentance with us and is now born again and very encouraged. We are sending her a Bible and literature.

Sister Shelley

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not born again of the SPIRIT, you will be after you say this prayer to GOD:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹² I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.¹³ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.¹⁴ I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,¹⁵ and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.¹⁶ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.¹⁷ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.¹⁸ YOU will not turn me away, LORD JESUS; YOU will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because YOUR WORD, the Bible, says so.¹⁹ YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.²⁰ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know

that I am saved.²¹ And I thank YOU, LORD JESUS, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as YOU command and sin no more.²²

After salvation, JESUS said to be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.²³ Then study the King James Version Bible, and, for your benefit and the benefit of others, do what it says.²⁴

CHRIST and GOD the FATHER now live in you through the HOLY SPIRIT. There is a way you can receive a fuller portion of the divine nature of GOD in you. The more the divine nature of GOD lives in you, the more you will be able to stand against the temptations that have so easily moved so many millions of Christians away from salvation. Pray for the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT.²⁵ For instructions on how to receive the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT and to receive more of GOD'S holy nature, ask for our literature or call. For without holiness, no man shall see GOD (Hebrews 12:14).

The LORD wants you to tell others of your salvation. You can become a distributor of Pastor Tony Alamo's gos-

pel literature. We'll send you literature free of charge. Call or email us for more information. Share this message with someone else.

If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "Will a man rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed ME. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed THEE? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed ME, even this whole nation [and this whole world]. Bring ye all the tithes [a 'tithe' is 10% of your gross income] into the storehouse, that there may be meat [Spiritual food] in MINE house [souls saved], and prove ME now herewith, saith the LORD of HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of HOSTS. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful-some land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

12 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 13 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 14 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 15 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15:3-7 16 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 17 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 18 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 19 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 20 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 21 Heb. 11:6 22 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 23 Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 24 Deut. 4:29, 13:4, 26:16, Josh. 1:8, 22:5, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18 25 Isa. 28:11-12, Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, 11:9-13, John 1:29-34, 7:37-39, 14:15-29, 15:26, 16:7-14, Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-18, 32-39, 5:29-32, 19:1-7, Rom. 5:3-5, 15:13

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