

### *Face the Heat*

*A believer's peace is peculiar; it flows from Christ, it is heavenly, it is a holy peace. His warfare is as peculiar: it is deep-seated, agonizing, and ceases not till death.*

*(Robert Murray M'Cheyne)*

We are racing through the universe at an incredible rate of speed. Our world rotates on its axis and is revolving around the sun at a speed of 66,600 miles an hour. You are always on the go. And not only that but matter, the substance from which all things are made, is composed of billions of electrons and protons that are always moving.

The natural world we see is a reflection of the unseen world surrounding us; the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. As it is in the natural; so it is in the supernatural; things are constantly moving. Supernatural activity is responsible for our blessings and our battles. Many adversities occur when the Prince of Darkness attempts to negate the blessings God is preparing for us to receive. It is difficult for me to understand how I can love the Lord and yet struggle in my spiritual walk with Him. The Lord gave me vision that helped me discern the nature of my trials. When God intends to bless us, the angels and the power of the Holy Spirit create a stir in the spiritual world. Satan, the enemy of all good, is running to and fro on the earth, monitoring all that happens here. When he observes blessing activity, the devil immediately launches an attack against us. His goal is to destroy and steal every blessing the Lord desires to give us (John 10:10). The good news—if we remain faithful to Christ and resist the enemy, God will bless us with His best. We will stumble at times, but falling does not make one a failure; quitting is what causes us to fail the Lord.

All our difficulties are platforms for the manifestation of God's grace, power and love (Hudson Taylor). Movement creates friction; it's a scientific fact applicable in both the seen and unseen worlds—the material and spiritual parts of life. You will experience friction as you grow spiritually and move forward. You will also experience friction if you retreat and go backwards. You will experience friction if stand still. The Kingdoms of Light and Darkness are advancing. Motion creates heat; it's an unavoidable reality affecting every living being. So when you feel the heat, let it be because you are moving forward in your walk with Christ. It is good for us to have trials and troubles at times, for they often remind us that we are on probation and ought not to hope in any worldly thing (Thomas a' Kempis)

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