



JLH Women's Saturday Devotions

January 6, 2018

Process

Prayer

Patience

Now Push!

Wow, we've made it to 2018! That means we will never see 2017 ever again and never would have made it without Jesus! He has brought us to a new year to expect big things and go through new experiences. What's your New Years resolution? Better yet, what is the Lord requiring of you this year? Maybe it's a deeper walk with him, or advancing in your ministry. Whatever it maybe, it will be a process, some praying, lots of patience and some pushing, at times the Lord makes us wait for greatness to happen. Waiting is part of the process.

But them that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.....Isaiah 40:31

As I sit here typing I begin to think about a precious sister in the Lord who is nine months pregnant and waiting patiently for their new "Bundle of Joy." Oh how they hoped and prayed she would come New Years Eve. However, today is Saturday January 6th 2018 and their still waiting, but one day perhaps today or next week Tuesday, the process, the prayers, her patience will cause her to PUSH!

During her moment of pushing she's believing "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). She may have to take another deep breath and PUSH, while she is pushing she's counting to ten and release. She reminds herself "I'm not alone, my husband is right by my side encouraging me." She may have to push up to five times and no matter how many times, she will be keeping the faith, believing something good is about to happen, so she can't give up now. She's encouraged by that small still voice whispering in her ears, "your almost there" she lets out one more PUSH and that's the PUSH that will bring joy to their hearts, hearing their healthy baby girl cries as the journey begins as they celebrate their 2nd child in 2018.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice. (Philippians 4:4)

The Lord's timing is always perfect and He's never late! He knows the beginning to the ending. Therefore, as we entered into a New Year except what the Lord is aware of and don't complain, receive the challenges, accept the ministry, be patient with the family and learn to walk closer with Jesus. Do not give up! Let us run with patience. (Hebrews 12:1) Let us not be weary in well doing, because in due season (God's Timing) we will reap if we faint not. (Galatians 6:9) Ask the Lord today to strengthen you with the fruit of the spirit. **But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)**

No matter what we may encounter in 2018, process it, keep praying, ask for His patience, you're not alone, The Lord promised he will never leave you nor forsake you and keep moving forward. It may get rough at times but keep pressing and when the timing is right PUSH, you may have to PUSH again, but don't give up. What you've waited for last year just may be on its way this year, and remember in all things Give Thanks! Be Blessed

**Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who gives me strength"
Never give up on what God has promised you.**