

## Launching Out into the Deep – 21 Days of Suffering

God has made a covenant with His body (the leadership assembly) that He would make the leadership assembly in the body. This entails bringing the saints of God around to acknowledge the first principles of the doctrines of Christ (power), moving into the overcoming power, and then allowing the church to launch out into the deep. This passage to the next level does not come without suffering; suffering that only the head can undertake on behalf of the body. As His Christ is charged with the fulfillment of this word, his heart is toward being obedient to the Word. The Father gives the Word to His Son; and the Son gives it to the Holy Ghost. Knowing that the Word of God cannot fall to the ground, the obedience the Son prevails and is a glorious honor unto the Father.

As the watchman for the leadership assembly, Dr. Hunt has been awakened from sleep, even being shown to get out of bed many consecutive nights. With this work, he has encountered lack of sleep accompanied by the enemy's attempts to bring to him fear, anxiety, and oppression. This was all part of the suffering needed in order bring God's people into the next phase of the ministry. For 21 days, Dr. Hunt suffered lack of sleep with the conclusion of this period occurring during his current journey (Dr. Hunt has embarked upon a traveling ministry from which he will soon return bearing gifts unto his children). On average, he would only have 3 hours of sleep in a 24 hour period. Yet still, it was sufficient for him to do the works for which he was called, whether it was 18-holes of golf, fellowship with the pastors, or other ministries that he was called unto. Dr. Hunt did not seek out sleep aids or other natural remedies because the Father did not lead him to do so. And with this obedience the Son has shown unto the Father, Dr. Hunt has engaged in Winning Sleep. This is no different than the example he has served to the body in demonstrating Winning Tennis and Winning Golf. The way of the Lord trumps the way of the world.

The 21 days of suffering is symbolic to the work being done. Similar to the time when Jesus was called to fast and was given the full allotment of 40 days for the completeness of the work, so it the case of Dr. Hunt. In that the head has taken up the suffering for the body to rest, the soul is at rest to allow the spirit to work. Aligned with the 3 hours of sleep allotted each night, there were three levels of work to bring the saints to the center of the deep. The first level is where we once stood at the edge as a novice. The second level represented the work of a journeyman; one who is groomed in some things but not yet perfected. From here, the expert emerges at the third level. At each level and with each phase of suffering, there was a point of rest reached ( $21 \div 3 = 7$ ). The 21 days show the three Sabbaths; 7 days of completeness in each phase of the work (the novice, the journeyman, the expert).

We must keep in mind that every work of God in which the church is called to be involved requires a price to be paid as the work is towards tearing down the kingdom of the enemy and to build the Kingdom of God. To reign with Him, we must suffer with Him. All that you engage in, engage in it from the perspective of a winner in the spirit. The Lord has given us all that is needed to be successful in the Day After The New Day Ministry (DANDM) - the overcoming power, the watchfulness, and the winning spirit. We have been told there is warfare that will be experienced in the DANDM, and we should rest in knowing the work is easy because the suffering work has ready been borne by His Christ.

Thus speaks the Christ of God unto his body.

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