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Through Many Dangers, Toils and Snares Yemi Obe

"We're gonna' make it," though on the way, we encounter dangers, toils, and snares. I have had my share of life threatening sicknesses with cardiovascular disease and burst appendix. I have been blessed with four sons - the promise of the Father's gift of twins fulfilled. In those days there was no epidural so I am thankful to God. Some lives have been lost in child birth. It is by the grace of God. My God is faithful.

As a Christian, I have come to understand it is not what I know, but how I apply what I know to my situation at any given time that brings about results. The times dangers and toils all have beginnings and endings. Praise God. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Proverbs 30:5b)

I find the length of any situation I may find myself in, especially issues I do not find acceptable and cannot seem to do anything about, depends on the knowledge God makes available in my time of seeking Him for answers. Sometimes it seems He is not there, but I often cash in on past testimonies, with the reminder of His faithfulness. He speaks and as I listen, with an obedient heart, there is always a solution.

In 2003, I heard the Lord say to me clearly "You intensify the level of the problem you have by the way you approach it." Surely we encounter dangers, toils, and snares, brought about by the devil's task to steal, kill and destroy. The devil tried to counteract what God said. God established truth "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17 The devil challenged Jesus with "If thou be the Son of God" Matt.4:3a, 6a. Jesus explained to His followers, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matt.11:12) He also told them, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). Jesus brought life and more abundantly.

I approach every situation with the tools given to fight:

- His Word, my mind renewed with knowledge of the Word. This is the anchor that keeps me steadfast always. I stand in the authority I have in Jesus Christ.
- The name of Jesus.
- His blood Holy Communion.
- The power delegated to me by Jesus.

The journey has not always been a bed of roses, however I have traveled this far and now am able to encourage others facing similar situations. The LORD never fails. He remains faithful even in our unfaithfulness.

The level of the problem is more or less intensified by the way you approach it. We will make it as we approach whatever we encounter with the tools made available to us. Sometimes it is real war, but Jesus never fails.