

For years I had been trying to find a song by Amy Grant, which was popular in the 80's and played regularly in our home whilst our kids were growing up. It contained the lines, "Being good is just a fable, I just can't cause I'm not able. I'm going to leave it to the Lord." I didn't "get it" then, but the tune was catchy and I sang along with her.

At Christmastime whilst staying with our daughter Coralie in Germany, we together managed to recall enough of the other lines to track down the song and the CD on the internet.

*I have decided,
I'm gonna live like a believer,
Turn my back on the deceiver,
I'm gonna live what I believe.*

*I have decided,
Being good is just a fable,
I just can't 'cause I'm not able.
I'm gonna leave it to the Lord.*

It has taken 30 years for the truth to sink in; for the revelation of what God was seeking to communicate to finally be understood. I am amazed at how patient He is, how often He repeats himself and how He never stops seeking to communicate until we "get" what He is trying to teach us.

In the gospels, we see Jesus talking, teaching, demonstrating, longing for His disciples to understand the "heaven's wisdom" He is seeking to impart – and after 3 years of daily interaction with His disciples they finally "get" what He has been seeking to impart. "You believe at last!" Jesus says in John 16:31.

Colin Urquhart in his book "The Great Revelation" sums it up like this.

*If I can't – He can
If I do not – He will
But – If I do – He will not!*

It is exactly the same truth, and as I look back over my journals I can see how many times the Holy Spirit has pointed me to this truth. It is a choice, if I decide to rely on my own resources, the Lord will let me. When I fail, as I usually do, I will then seek His help to get out of trouble; however when I realise the poverty of my own resources and ask for His help and wisdom – He freely gives it.

Peter after healing the man at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3) states, "Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we made this man walk?" it is "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can see."

Trying harder leads to exhaustion, and if we succeed, to pride in our own ability, and if we fail, to despair. So let's live like believers, connected to the power source of the Trinity, and when good things happen, we can glory and wonder at our God, who designed us to live in dependency upon Him.

This will mean we will enjoy life with all its challenges knowing He is in us, and is able to do more than we can ask or imagine.

Live Like BELIEVERS



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Part of a prophetic word received by Joyce recently:

"Esther came before King Xerxes and he held out his royal sceptre to her and granted her request. She risked her life, but came to have her needs met. You have free access to One who is far greater and you need have no fear that coming will result in death. Come regularly – learn what it means to live in My presence. It is here you will find rest and joy, hope and understanding, prophetic insight for all that you will touch in the days ahead."



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