It Is Well

2Kings 4:26

It's natural for us to worry. We often carry burdens and keep our minds fixed on things that are beyond our control. This is what psychologists call our "worry quotient": the point at which our life's challenges begin to feel overwhelming.

For some, even a small issue can feel overwhelming. Others only start to worry when they're running low on options. I would like to offer a third way to live —a life guided by a deep confidence that says, **"Everything is under control."**

The Story of the Auxiliary Tank

There's an old story about a custom truck driver and his passenger. They'd been on the road for hours, dust rising behind them, the sun sinking low, silence settling between them like a heavy coat.Then the passenger looked down and saw it: the gas needle trembling over the letter **E.**

Panic struck. "Pull over!" he shouted. "We're about to run out! There's nothing for miles!"

But the driver didn't even flinch. His eyes stayed steady on the horizon, hands relaxed on the wheel. He smiled, slow and sure, like a man who'd seen this moment before.

"Don't worry," he said. "I built this truck myself. When the first tank runs dry, I've got another one waiting."

He reached down, pressed a small silver button hidden near the dashboard, and the engine coughed once, then roared back to life.
The passenger blinked. "What just happened?"

The driver chuckled. "Simple," he said. "When the main tank runs out, I switch to the auxiliary. I never depend on just one source. Around here, E' doesn't mean *End*. It means *Exchange*."

He tapped the dashboard. "See, I learned a long time ago that life will drain your first tank, the one filled with your own strength, your own understanding, your own plans. But if you've been walking with the Lord, He's already installed another tank, one you didn't build, one filled with His grace, His endurance, His Spirit."

He looked over at his passenger, now breathing more slowly, the fear fading. “You can’t see that second tank until you need it,” he said. “But it’s there. It always has been. That’s what faith is, the courage to keep driving when the gauge hits empty, because you trust that God’s supply doesn’t run out.”

Then he added quietly, “I’ve learned that God lets us hit empty sometimes, not to destroy us, but to teach us where our real fuel comes from. You can’t discover the auxiliary tank until your first one’s gone. You can’t know grace until strength fails. You can’t know resurrection until something dies.”

And with that, the truck rolled on, through the barren miles, through the fading light, not on what was built by man, but on what was supplied by God.

Because in the Kingdom, “E” never means *End*. It means *Exchange*. Exchange your weakness for His strength. Exchange your fear for His peace. Exchange your emptiness for His everlasting supply.

In life, we all start out using our own power. We rely on our strength, our resources, our cleverness, our “regular tank.” But when we’ve gone as far as we can, when all our human energy is depleted, and we hit our own personal “E,” we don’t have to break down. Instead of worrying, we can **switch tanks**.

Those who know the Lord are able to switch to the **power supplied by God’s Holy Spirit**. When your strength runs out, when your dreams seem dead, when you feel confused and tormented on the inside, you can access an unending reserve of strength that is not your own.

This hope is summed up in the powerful statement of the Shunammite woman in the Bible who, even after watching her child die, was able to declare: **“It shall be well”** (2 Kings 4:26). She never lost her faith.

What do you do when life tries to hold you hostage or steal your joy? You hold on to your faith and declare, **“It shall be well.”** This is possible because the word **“well”** rests on one crucial condition: **We have access to a power that is greater than our dilemmas.**

There is someone who is bigger than your problems. When you have this confidence, you can face any storm, whether it’s economic trouble, a professional setback, or an emotional crisis, and know you won’t perish.

Like the disciples who woke up Jesus in the boat during the storm, we are reminded that there is a presence that is bigger than the wind, the thunder, and the lightning. He will look at your circumstances, your troubles, and your life and speak three words:

“Peace. Be still.”

When you switch to that power and rest in that presence, everything truly will be well with you. You have a backup tank that never runs out.

Blessings,

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