

Quietness

And

Trust

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Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In repentance (turn) and rest is your salvation (rescue),
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.”

God is giving us instruction about living in relationship with HIM. First, HE says repent or more literally turn or return to God; Turn from our plans and turn to God’s plans. After turning to God’s plan, we are now called to Rest. Thus, we are relaxed in Quietness trusting God to carry out “HIS” plan. God’s plan is our strength. Our rest and quietness are visible proof that we trust God. However, the last sentence is our eternal condemnation, “You would have none of it!” This means that in our difficult situations, we let our plans, unrest, trump God’s plan. This means that we do not have any real Rest or Quietness. Neither do we experience Trust or spiritual Strength in our lives. As this applies to Israel’s impossible situation then, so it applies to our impossible situation now.

Isaiah 30:1–3 (NIV) **Summary below**

¹ “Woe to the obstinate children,” declares the Lord, “to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; ² who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh’s protection, to Egypt’s shade for refuge. ³ But Pharaoh’s protection will be to your shame, Egypt’s shade will bring you disgrace.”

Summary of what we do when we trust our plans over God's plans.

- 1) "Woe" to the obstinate children**
- 2) Those who carry out plans that are not Mine**
- 3) Those forming an alliance, but not by My Spirit**
- 4) Who go down to Egypt (world) without consulting Me**
- 5) This will be our shame and disgrace**

God distinguishes between HIS help and the world's help. God tells us why we should trust HIM and not the world's help or our own plans.

Isaiah 31:3 (NIV)

But the Egyptians are mere mortals and not God;
their horses are flesh and not spirit.

When the LORD stretches out his hand,
those who help will stumble,
those who are helped will fall;
all will perish together.

Don't put your hope in human answers. These are mere mortals and not God. The truth is that God will move. Then those of the world who were supposed to help us will stumble and we who were being helped will also fall; all will perish.

In [1 Corinthians 2:14](#) Paul writes, “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” **The ways of God are counterintuitive.**

Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV)

- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of God cuts right across ordinary human thinking, for his thoughts are higher than those of men. Not trusting God has a name. It is called rebellion. Rebellion against God will ultimately produce panic when our adversary appears.

By consulting God, resting in quietness, and trusting God is our strength in all circumstances. Plus, while resting in quietness trusting God, the Holy Spirit will speak to us.

Isaiah 30:20–21 (NIV)

²⁰ Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. ²¹ Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

God clearly says Read the Bible, Be devoted to Prayer, Be alert, and continue to do what we know, BUT God also says, **“Listen to the Immediate and Direct guidance of the Holy Spirit.” Take note of the words Immediate and Direct!**

As we embrace all the disciplines and resources of God, we also must not neglect the Holy Spirit as revealed in Isaiah 30:21. NT revelation give us much more insight about the work of the Holy Spirit which is necessary for our Rest, Quietness, Trust, and Strength.

Galatians 5:25 (ESV)

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

We are made to be guided by the Holy Spirit. One translation Gal.5:25 says, “If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct our course.” By means of the Spirit believers are to enact the life they already have in the Spirit. This is not some far out experience, this is normal Christianity.

Paul gives us an example of walking in the Immediate and Direct guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 16:6–9 (ESV) **Summary below**

⁶ (We were) forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ We attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow us. ⁸ We went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

The Immediate and Direct guidance of the Holy Spirit:

- 1) Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
- 2) The Spirit of Jesus did not allow us to go to Bithynia
- 3) At Troas a vision appeared to Paul in the night saying, "Come!"

Life Lesson: Consulting God, resting in quietness, trusting HIM is our strength. **Application:** Read the Bible, Be devoted to Prayer, Be alert, and continue to do what we know, AND ALSO "Listen to the Immediate and Direct guidance of the Holy Spirit."

Rest, Quietness, and Trust is our strength! Jesus said:

John 14:1 (ESV)

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in ME!

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.