

## Will You Carry Me?

When riding my bicycle on the B/A Trail Park I always find great pleasure in observing God's creatures, i.e. squirrels, deer, fox, hawks, groundhogs and many other species of animals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. I also enjoy the exuberant feeling of exercising in the fresh, open air.

On one particular sunny morning while on a long slow distance, {LSD} bicycle ride, I observed a mother walking on the B/A Trail Park, and her young son of about six years old lagging far behind. I couldn't help over hearing the woman's young son making a request of his mom, which sounded like an appeal of desperation.

"Mom, I'm getting tired now, will you carry me?"

The boy's mom didn't respond to her son's request and continued walking.

How many times have we heard similar words from our own children, {or perhaps even church members}? "I can't do it." "It's too hard." "I'm too tired." "Will you do it for me?"

I'm assuming that the young boy was used to being carried by his mom and was relying on her to carry him the remaining distance. Or perhaps

she was actually training him to learn to walk for himself?

**What does this mean for us?**

## **Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season**

One of my favorite text in Isaiah deals with spiritual endurance and how we can acquire it.

“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:30, 31

What a beautiful promise from one of God’s appointed servants. Thinking about renewing one’s strength and soaring like an eagle, to run and not get weary, to walk without fainting-some very real Bible concepts.

Everyone has experienced, at least once, a time when they had reached a point of physical and/or mental exhaustion. But according to Isaiah 40:31 there is a solution to our malady-“wait upon the Lord...”

Waiting upon the Lord encompasses much more than Sabbath School and church attendance on Sabbath mornings. We have been commissioned to go on God’s errands which require both physical and mental strength, that

can only to be developed by practice-which can be very taxing at times.

The good news is, as we wait upon the Lord He gives us the physical and mental strength needed to finish the daily, upward walk with energy to spare.

Like the young, tired boy in the story calling on his mom for help, if we need help we need only ask God and He will carry us through those difficult, tiring times. <sup>1</sup>

“All things are possible to those that believe. No one coming to the Lord in sincerity of heart will be disappointed. How wonderful it is that we can pray effectually, that unworthy, erring mortals possess the power of offering their requests to God!

What higher power can man require than this—to be linked to the infinite God? Feeble, sinful man has the privilege of speaking to his Maker. We utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. We pour out our hearts desire in our closets. Then we go forth to walk with God as did Enoch.” <sup>2</sup>

**Are you feeling energetic today? Praise God for His renewing power in your life—for when you were too tired to walk, He carried you.**

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 7:11; 11:28-30

<sup>2</sup> Review & Herald Oct. 30, 1900

