

Stone Face Determined



*"Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.
Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his
will. And I know that I will not be put to shame."*

The Prophet Isaiah | Isaiah 50:7 (NLT)

Korczak Ziolkowski committed his life to carving a mountain into the likeness of Crazy Horse. Imagine his challenges: Technical, financial, physical... Undeterred, he left an amazing legacy! Likewise, while pursuing your Mission, you will be challenged. What will be the Kingdom legacy because you remained Stone Face Determined to advance your Mission?

Mustering courage to resign from a 21-year career I was petrified, yet excited. Secure, I could have spent my remaining years at the company, but God redirected my attention. I was days from making the dramatic Jump to become a financial advisor, a major new Forum, when a friend said almost jokingly, "You're too nice to be a financial advisor." It was an arrow through my heart!

Reflect: Has someone close to me inadvertently quashed my courage to advance my Mission?

The only thing that kept me going was staying focused on my Mission to "Free people financially so they could live the life they were meant to live." I had given God my commitment. Having worked to get to this point for nearly two years, there was no turning back. I had to remain Stone Face Determined.

The testing continued. After sitting in my car making calls for hours on end I wondered, "What am I doing here?" Ugh. One time I received a pay check of \$1.83 for two weeks of hard work..."Seriously?!" Each time I regrouped to *"set my face like a stone, determined to do his will"* and God helped me. My barometer? Financial success?

Recognition? Neither.

Consider: Fulfilling my Mission is my new barometer.

I met a young woman who was struggling to determine what to do with her life. She felt there was a different path for her, but questioned what, and how? Stone Face Determined to carry out my Mission, though knowing there was no financial benefit for me, I spent significant time with her... encouraging, brainstorming, guiding. I sent her a relevant book. Six months later she left for a lifechanging opportunity. Bingo! I had no doubt that God was at work in her life, mine too! By remaining Stone Face Determined to advance my Mission, he filled me. Have you experienced this yet? So good!

Imagine: God making my Mission shine like the noonday sun.

Ironically, my friend's comment was accurate. Did I have the necessary skills for success in this field? Some perhaps, but what mattered most was that I remained Stone Face Determined to advance my Mission. I wasn't disgraced, I wasn't put to shame.

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun." King David (Psalm 37:5-6)

People could sense my Mission and God made its innocence shine. I was there for them, not after their money. Despite lacking a few skills, I've had a long and rewarding career, flush with Mission fulfilling experiences like the one I had with the young woman. Such are the mysteries of God! I set my sights on advancing my Mission and God did the rest. Still my focus to this day, I wonder, what will be the

Kingdom legacy because I've remained...

Stone Face Determined?

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- How will I give God my resolute commitment to advance my Mission in the face of great challenges?
- What support will I surround myself with to help me remain Stone Face Determined?
- What fruit will come because I have persevered through testing?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Remain Stone Face Determined

"Commit your actions to the Lord,
and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)



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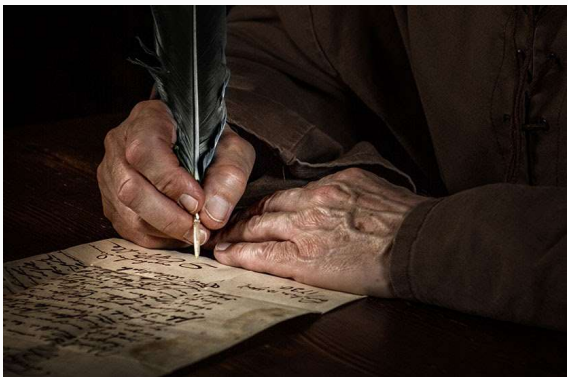
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