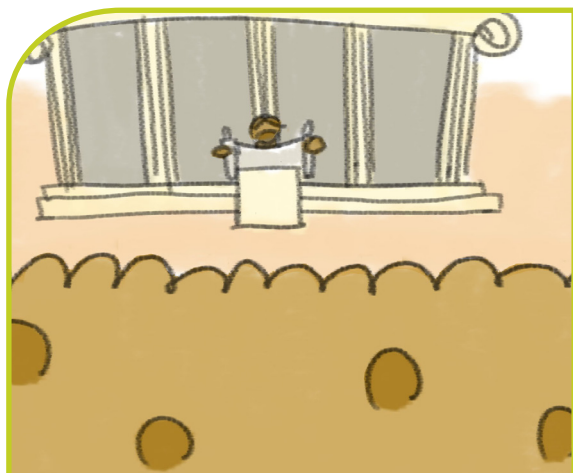


Easy Victory



Let's read the Bible

1 Peter 2:1-10
2 Peter 3:4-14
Hebrews 11:32-12:2

We consider together

Papa God, please forgive thos who hate you and do not believe in Jesus. Also let us keep our faith, enduring hardships and persecutions.



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Do you know about the Colosseum in Rome? Close your eyes and imagine; in the middle of the arena you are having a race with your friends. And the people who have filled the stands are cheering together in a great, big voice. They are calling out your name.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.[a] Because of the joy[b] awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne." (NLT, Hebrews 1:1-2)

There are still countries on this earth where believing in Jesus and going to church is illegal. If the law is not followed, then they are faced with many problems, and they are sent to jail. People who read the book of Hebrews were in the same situation. Because they believed in Jesus, their things were taken away, they were sent to prison, and they suffered torture and insults from others. (Hebrews 10:32-34) The people who wrote the book of Hebrews spoke words of courage to followers going through difficult times. To cheer up, never to give up, and to run until the very end... Do you hear the voice that calls our name in encouragement?

It must be the voice of an Indian man named Kaka, from a village deep in the mountains. When life got difficult and hard, he was strengthened by this voice. He even ended up giving God the fruit of his faith.

"By the time of the launch of the New Testament in his language, Kaka had worked on it for 16 years. For two and a half of those years he was locked away in prison and for four of them he was leading the believers through much persecution. During the many stages of drafting, checking and reviewing he walked 6,000 miles in and out of the mountains. For a book of 1,000 pages, that's six miles per page! For every three pages he spent one night out in the open, miles from anywhere. And for each page the people of his village spent six and a half days in prison, 18 man-years in all."

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"In November 1998, Kaka's son was arrested by police, taken down to the river and shot with a high powered rifle 12 times at point blank range. Kaka's nephew suffered the same fate, as have four other believers." But Kaka did not give up and kept running the race. There are now a few hundred believers of Christ in the Indian village, and this is all because Kaka and his friends were not shaken, and had a great faith that could easily win.

Many Christians all over the world are now protected from legal and physical persecution. But many things make us afraid, and keep us from spreading the Word of God.

Let us pray for the brothers and sisters in Christ who are under persecution because of their faith in God. And let us look towards our fellow believers who encourage us in faith. Through this, let us become children in Christ who overcome all difficulties with a faithful, fighting spirit.