THE ST. PAUL SCHOOL

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1)

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GOD'S WILL COMES WITH GOD'S STRENGTH (God's Plans And Promises For You From The Book Of Isaiah)

Lesson 218

"For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed." Isaiah 50:7

This messianic scripture clearly speaks of Jesus who set His face like a flint to go to Jerusalem, to Calvary and to a terrible death in order to give you and me life. Now He expects us to also live out the truth of this verse. We are to wait upon God long enough to learn His will and then walk with God in living out His will for our lives, cost what it may.

There will be times the Lord will call you to a difficult task. Whatever it is, never turn back from what you know to be His will. After 20 years with a missionary organization, God called Norma and me to a new pathway. That was in late 1978, when we left the cozy harbor of family and friends for the open seas of new challenges, dangers, labors and blessing.

Five of us went from West Coast to East Coast to begin a new outreach that would eventually become world—wide in impact. But pain was to be our companion. Only a few months after arrival, our three teammates were in a tragic car wreck. Two were killed with the other in critical condition. Norma and I were left alone facing what friends back home might have looked at as an impossible task.

But the Lord became so real we could almost touch Him—and He said "No surrender! Carry on!" We knew we had His help, so we set our faces like a flint to carry out His will. The results speak for themselves.

You, too, will face tough times in following the Lord's orders. Set this verse where it's handy and you'll set your face like a flint!

My prayer: "I know that following You, my lovely Lord, will not be through flowery beds of ease but often through stormy seas. Grant me grace to never turn back from doing Your will, no matter the cost."