The Struggle is Holy

“It is through tribulations that you enter the kingdom of God.” Acts 14:22

I have a friend who was told in the darkest of times of her soul that “the struggle is holy”. While she struggled with the “whys” and “hows” of her struggle, the God of the universe spoke to her in the midst of her deafness and said, “The struggle is holy.”

In the grip of seemingly failure and loss, she was tossed on a sea of fear, doubt, and unbelief with foaming waves of silent, bitter words that impugned God’s heart of love for her. As that sea roared in her head at night and in her heart by day, there remained one steady voice that spoke, “the struggle is holy”.

The struggle from death into life is holy and it has been prescribed. Our fears have to be confronted with the truth that the Lord also entered this holy struggle, was delivered and raised from the dead so that we would not be caught in the tunnel of struggle without a hope of deliverance and life.

This tunnel of hardship which we all pass through can actually become a birthing if we allow the purpose of faith to be completed. Every child born passes through a birth canal into a new life through a process of labor and delivery filled with contractions that seem to be unbearable. Yet no matter how difficult the labor is for the mother the labor is overshadowed by the joy of the baby. Such pain and such joy!!! How much more the birthing of the seed of life and faith that has been sown within us?

During the difficult times of our faith being tested we are challenged to believe that joy will be our outcome. We must entrust our soul to the One who leads and delivers us through hardship and tribulations into new life.

We enter the kingdom with such weakness and dependency upon God’s greatness to deliver. Yes, “the struggle is holy” for it makes you holy as you yield, believe, and hope that the author of your life will finish the word He has spoken...the book He is writing...YOUR LIFE.