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Dear Prayer Partner,

Our lives and service for Jesus was never meant to be easy. 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 the apostle Paul was beaten, shipwrecked, and imprisoned for serving the Lord. Isaiah 50:7 tells us of the obedience of Jesus and that He set His face like a flint, knowing that He would face death in Jerusalem. Our Lord was determined to go for this was the Father's will and the only way to save lost sinners.

Sad to say, but many in the church confuse kindness with softness. Too many Christians believe that if we are sensitive enough the world will accept the gospel message. The Bible says that the gospel is "**foolishness**" to a lost world. "**For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God**" (1 Corinthians 1:18). Those who regard the gospel as foolishness, rejecting and even ridiculing God's Word, prove that they are perishing in sin on their way to hell.

It is not our niceness that changes the heart of the unsaved, but God's power working in our witness. Many Christians in the past were humble, scarred, and steadfast. They endured hardship with steel in their backs because they trusted our Lord. That's what we need today. We are not in need of brashness or arrogance, but the need for all Christians to have the grit to suffer for the truth. Softness and indifference only blunt the outcome of the gospel. We need to be courageous, clothed in the living Christ and proclaiming the gospel.

I had the blessing of visiting via the internet with pastors and missionaries in Brazil. Pastors Mauricio Silva Filho and Silvio Santos shared with me a recent service in which eleven teenagers and children were saved. Pastor Silvio also works in some of the local prisons in the São Paulo area. Thank God for the men and women who have the faith and willingness to teach and preach the Word of God. Don't we need more such men and women in the church today? Thank you for your prayers and support.

*Unworthily His,
Wendell Fiers*

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