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There is an unspoken tradition in the Christian faith where the saints tend to look down on believing sinners who struggle in their flesh. Often the strong are extolled and even promoted as souls who appear to walk blamelessly in the flesh. The former are often shunned and even maligned while the latter are oftengiven respect, responsibility, and power. Institutionally, people with observable or confessed “issues,” especially those that are outwardly observable (like smoking, drinking, or other addictions, or an inability to make or manage money, or those who have deep emotional issues like compulsions, angst, impatience, and anger) are rarely

given credit for having faith but are instead criticized for failing to live up to the demands of the faith they claim. Some religious institutions even punish those who fail in their flesh as a means to teach them a lesson and to cause them to repent and while this was certainly applicable in the Apostolic age of gathering the Lord’s Bride, it misses the mark of mercy and longsuffering in this age of fulfillment. The fact of the matter is life in the flesh for all believers is difficult, and that all souls who call Jesus Lord will struggle with their natural tendencies. The wealthy and accomplished might struggle greatly with pride or condemnation, while those in

their flesh may struggle with self-control. I’ve been thinking about the body of believers in this world of late and how all of us – accomplished and not – are a miracle in the face of this world. To me, and following Jesus’ own words, it is a miracle when accomplished and gifted people come to faith. And it is equally miraculous when less fortunate, or less skilled individuals remain in the vine at all. Bottom line? All believers struggle. Let’s lift the hands of the struggling and the accomplished. Let’s not judge the external representations of either the rich or the poor, of those in control or those not. And let’s together rejoice that any person ever claims faith in

this world of faithless options. If you struggle with your feeble flesh, do not despair; God judges your heart. He saved you from all of the fleshly weakness you inherently possess. And if you are adept, capable, and strong in self-control - Rejoice! Because according to Jesus, a camel has a better chance of getting through the eye of a needle than someone like you even to enter the Kingdom of Heaven! Perhaps all believers of every ilk might choose to walk in humble mercy for each other, with long-suffering, and patience, withholding judgment in every case while bestowing love and gratitude for anyone who chooses the arduous walk of faith.

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