



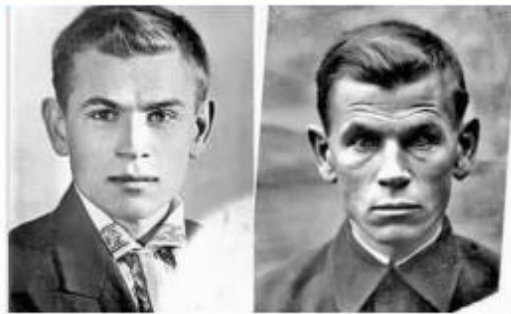
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THIS IS A BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURE OF ME AFTER TEACHING A DAY OF VIRTUAL LEARNING. IT IS UNBEARABLE. THERE IS AN ABUSIVE AMOUNT OF PROGRAMS, IDENTIFICATION CODES, AND PASSWORDS TO REMEMBER. THE I-PADS DO NOT STAY LOGGED IN AND AS WE ALL KNOW, THE MATH IS OBTUSELY BIZARRE. THE ONLY WAFT OF SENSIBILITY I RECEIVE IS WHEN THE TEACHERS ASSIGN ACTUAL WORKBOOK MATERIAL.

ACTUALLY, THIS IS A BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURE OF EVGENY STEPANOVICH KOPYTEV. IN 1941 HE WAS A YOUNG MAN WHO HAD ASPIRATIONS OF BECOMING AN ARTIST. HE HAD JUST GRADUATED FROM KYIV STATE INSTITUTE IN UKRAINE AND WAS LOOKING TO EMBARK ON HIS CAREER WHEN GERMANY INVADED RUSSIA. HE FOUGHT IN MANY BATTLES BUT EVENTUALLY BECAME A PRISONER OF WAR FOR TWO YEARS AT THE POW CAMP "KHOROL PIT". HE EVENTUALLY WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE AND SPENT THE REMAINDER OF THE WAR LIBERATING UKRAINE FROM THE GERMAN-OCCUPIED FORCED.

WHAT BATTLE DOES TO A PERSON IS HUMBLING TO BEHOLD. BATTLES ARE NOT JUST WAR. BATTLES CAN BE WITH FAMILY, SICKNESS, HEARTACHE, ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, ETC. . THE BATTLES WE FACE ARE THE EVIDENCE OF SIN. SIN IN OUR OWN LIVES. SIN IN OTHERS AROUND US. SIN THAT STARTED GENERATIONS BEFORE WE WERE BORN, WHERE STRESS DOES NOT COME FROM IS GOD.

THIS WORLD IS CRIPPLING AND UNFORGIVING. SATAN NEVER APOLOGIZES FOR THE CHAOS HE REEKS. THIS IS WHY JESUS SAYS, **"COME TO ME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND HEAVY-LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."** (MATT 11:28).

THERE IS A WAY TO MOVE THROUGH THIS WORLD WITHOUT GETTING OURSELVES BOGGED DOWN WITH THE STRESS AND WEARINESS THAT MAKES US INEFFECTIVE; IT IS THE GIVING OF OURSELVES TO THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH. WE OFTEN THINK THE MORE WE DO THE MORE TIRED WE WILL BE. IT IS QUITE THE OPPOSITE. TRUE REFRESHNESS COMES THROUGH SERVING CHRIST. **PROVERBS 11:25 - THE GENEROUS MAN WILL BE PROSPEROUS, AND HE WHO WATERS WILL HIMSELF BE WATERED.**

BREAKS OVER. LET'S PUT THE FRUSTRATION OF LIFE AWAY AND BE DETERMINED TO RISE UP TO HIS YOKE, NOT SATAN'S.

GALATIANS 6:9 - LET US NOT LOSE HEART IN DOING GOOD, FOR IN DUE TIME WE WILL REAP IF WE DO NOT GROW WEARY.

WE HAVE A RIPE SEASON AHEAD OF SERVING OUR LORD IN VARIOUS WAYS. WE CAN NOT PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT, BUT WE CAN DETERMINE OUR ATTITUDE OF SERVING OUR FELLOW BELIEVERS, AND REACHING AS MANY OF THE LOST AS WE CAN. THAT IS MY PRAYER FOR THIS CHURCH.

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