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The Bride Will Not Draw Back

In refusing to draw back, the key is remembering the love of Jesus. “Drawing back” is defined as, “to withdraw; retreat; To choose to not do what was expected to do.”

“Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”
Hebrews 10:38 NKJV

“And he also says, ‘My righteous ones will live from my faith. But if fear holds them back, my soul is not content with them!’”
Hebrews 10:38 TPT

The gladness that is by faith remembers Jesus’ love and refuses to draw back. We must regularly realign our soul to God’s Word. There is a place to set our soul to be glad by faith.

In difficult circumstances, we actively rejoice in God and confess His loving leadership instead of sinking in anxiety. We declare that we’re glad in His good leadership. In the darkness of the midnight hour, we remember the revelation He gave us in His chambers.

“His banner [leadership] over me was love.”
Song 2:4

“We know that all things work together for good to those who love God.”
Romans 8:28

In temptation, actively rejoice in God and confess that His affections and promises are better than the wine of this fallen world.

“By faith Moses... choosing rather to suffer affliction... than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin... for he looked to the reward.”
Hebrews 11:24-26

In failure, we confess His love as we believe in His tender mercy instead of wallowing in condemnation. We will not accept the accusations of the enemy. Satan tells many that they are rejected by God so they run from God instead of to Him in weakness.

In difficult circumstances, temptation, and failure, we declare that the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever

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“They sang responsively... giving thanks to the LORD: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever toward Israel.’”

Ezra 3:11

Prayer:

Father, help us, I pray, to fix our eyes on Jesus. Help me to remember His infinite love. Give me a steadfast heart fastened upon Your heart.