

## The Process of SLOOOOWWWWING

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### Isaiah 28:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception." <sup>16</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone *for* the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.

In the midst of chaos, God's people tried a foolish plan to secure peace: make a covenant with death to escape death.

We were designed by God to be built on a Rock, the solid Cornerstone, Christ Jesus. Only by trust in Him do we become unshakeable.

### Isaiah 28:16 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> ...he that believeth shall not make haste.

When external circumstances become overwhelming, we abandon simple faith, and haste is the result.

Unshakeable things have a particular quality about them- weight!

### 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

<sup>17</sup> For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

A life of faith trades speed for steadiness. We cannot operate in haste and retain the eternal focus that faith requires.

In fact, the Bible has almost nothing good to say about anything that happens quickly.

### Proverbs 28:20b

.. He who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.

### Proverbs 25:8

<sup>8</sup> Do not go out hastily to argue *your case*; Otherwise, what will you do in the end, When your neighbor humiliates you?

### James 1:19-20

<sup>19</sup> *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

### Isaiah 57:21

<sup>21</sup> "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

When God's people act in haste, we pay the same price as the wicked do- it costs us precious peace.

The worst decisions we make in life are made in the absence of peace, and in a mode of haste. Samuel, Saul and the sacrifice

If the consequences of haste are so bad, why do we let it take over and become a way of life?

“The truth is, as much as we complain about it, we are drawn to hurry. It makes us feel important. It keeps the adrenaline pumping. It means we don’t have to look too closely at the heart or life. It keeps us from feeling our loneliness.”

Do you have “Hurry Sickness?”

Symptoms:

1. Are you constantly speeding up daily activities?
  - a. What is the fastest possible way to accomplish the task before me?
2. Are you constantly multi-tasking?
  - a. While that is going, I will start this, and time them both to finish sequentially.
3. Is your life filling up with clutter? Do you replace empty spaces with more clutter?
  - a. Space in your home, your life, your speech, your schedule is called margin, and margin is good! Hurry means I have must fill all spaces and eliminate margin.
4. Is your life plagued with superficiality?
  - a. Depth is the “weight of glory” in our spirits, and it only comes slowly.
5. Is it becoming painfully obvious that I am unable to love others?
  - a. Love takes time, and hurried people don’t have it.
6. Do I have Sunset Fatigue?
  - a. At the end of the day, I am just too tired, too fatigued, too preoccupied to love the people to whom I have made the deepest promises.

#### **Matthew 5:29-30**

<sup>29</sup>If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.