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(Amil speaking:)

How do you feel about the changes lately? Some things have surprised you no doubt, but mostly maybe it's all a wee bit puzzling. You had no idea what it was going to cost you when you chose to take the humble and brave steps to do what Your Lord and King said to do. He hid much of it from your eyes, or it would have made you wither away in fright and just not obey. It would have been too much for you to manage thinking about. But one day and one battle at a time you are making it through the landmines and troubles, and finding His strength is enough.

So, would you go back, if you could, and make different choices? Well, though it might seem better in some ways to not have leapt forward and been daring enough to do what Your Lord called and asked of you, you really don't know what would have happened or not happened if you had chosen the selfish and seemingly more "comfortable" or at least most familiar way.

How many blessings are you enjoying now as a result of your choice to take the seemingly hard road? It won't seem hard in the end, for Jesus will make it all up to you. Can you trust Him with that? It's like trusting that the gifts wrapped up under the Christmas tree are going to be good. The only way you can trust that they are worth looking forward to, is if you know who got them for you, and if they did it out of love.

So it is with Jesus. When He says good things will come to you, and you'll find out more later on just what that means, you can trust it will be good because you know He is good and that He loves you.

Changes will keep happening to change you and to grow you in new ways. It's good when you choose the changes to be what Jesus is asking of you, rather than to wait, while trying to be as comfortable as possible, and other changes come along—ones you didn't ask for and might not be as pleased with as the one you chose.

Be glad for the changes, for they are what make you into the fighters Jesus needs you to be. It's all about learning and growing, and getting into position for the future. Keep hanging on tight to Jesus. He's going to make only the best things turn out.