

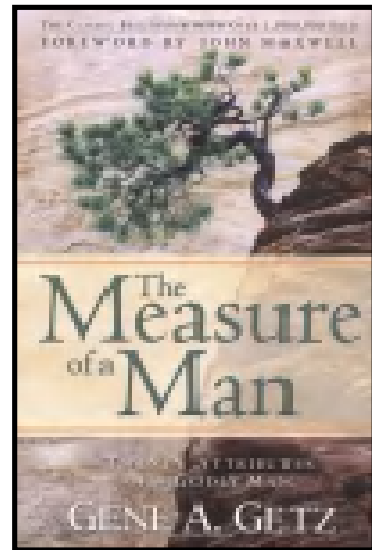
The Measure of a Man, “A Cry for Help” By Gene Getz

To begin with Paul who, shortly before his death as a martyr (by Nero), wrote to Timothy, second book, chapter 2:

So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. Pass on what you heard from me—the whole congregation saying Amen!—to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others. **When the going gets rough, take it on the chin with the rest of us, the way Jesus did.**

Considering what Paul (and other Christians) had been through – with persecution, even death - this instruction was obviously bold...and courageous.

I have mentioned on several occasions the book by Francis Schaeffer, *How then shall we live?* This particularly book was a real *eye opener*, and brought to the forefront what the believer is called to do...in the context of cultural changes that *run counter* to our faith, our witness. Our nation has changed much (in my lifetime) and, unfortunately, for the worse; yet there is always hope...that rests in Christ, the savior. He did indeed *take it on the chin* and, in this process, modeled and instructed on the way we are to live...even in a decaying culture.



Gene encourages the man to begin (or continue) “this journey”. In the words of Paul in the book of Philippians, chapter 3:

Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I’ve dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn’t want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules **when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—God’s righteousness.**

Well, the journey is not easy; but what is certain is that it leads to Christ, the hope of our salvation. Let’s move on then to “Becoming a Faithful Man”.