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GRACE NOTES RADIO PROGRAM  
THEME- MAKE EVERY EFFORT –part 2  
SONGS: Jesus I am resting  
Thread of Hope

**INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. On our last program we began a study on what it takes to be used in the service of God by looking at the use of the phrase 'Make Every Effort'. We concluded that the most important of all the 'Make every Effort' statements concerns being personally reconciled to God.**

**We do this through believing that Jesus paid the penalty for our sin against God by dying on the Cross and rising again and asking Him to be our Savior.**

**Then and only then are we useful to serve as God's Ambassador to share His Glorious Salvation message to the world.**

**Once reconciled, we need to prepare ourselves by choosing to cease from our own efforts, rest in the Lord, and trust Him to lead us into right paths of service.**

**Today we will look at several other important 'Make every effort' phrases, but first, let's continue our thought on resting in the Lord as Barbara Sandbek presents a song.**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Buddy Greene  
\* JESUS I AM RESTING \*\* LENGTH: 4:07  
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**VERSE 1**

***Jesus, I am resting, resting,  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power,  
Thou hast made me whole.***

- **Refrain:**  
***Jesus, I am resting, resting,  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.***

### **VERSE 2**

***Oh, how great Thy loving kindness,  
Vaster, broader than the sea!  
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness,  
Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
Know Thy certainty of promise,  
And have made it mine.***

### **VERSE 3**

***Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
I behold Thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless,  
Satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings,  
Meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings:  
Thine is love indeed!***

### **VERSE 4**

***Ever lift Thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with Thy grace.***

Once we've been reconciled to God through Jesus, we should prepare ourselves to be ready for service. These verses show what we need to do.

**2 Peter 3:14b**

... **MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him (God).

**2 Tim. 2:19b-21 says...**

"Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness." In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do **ANY** good work.

We wonder sometimes why we don't have opportunities to serve. This just might be one reason.

**1 Peter: 1:5-7 are also helpful verses...**

... **MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

Jesus gives us faith to believe as He is the author of faith, but it is our job to work diligently to add these qualities through the help of the Holy Spirit God has placed inside us.

The next phrase usage is found in several passages and deals with keeping the peace.

**Romans 14:17-19 says...**

... the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, **PEACE** and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who SERVES Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. Let us therefore **MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to do what leads to **PEACE** and to mutual edification. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.

**Regardless of which side of the fence you are on in this situation, the point here is that when in the company of someone who operates in a different way, we need to be sensitive so as not to have an argument over our differences.**

**The statement... 'For the sake of argument' should never be on our lips. This goes right along with Ephesians 4:3 which says...  
MAKE EVERY EFFORT to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of PEACE.**

**And Hebrews 12:13 states...**

**MAKE EVERY EFFORT to live in PEACE with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.**

**Don't be the first to start an argument – and pick your battles carefully. Personally, I don't speak up on an issue unless it is either an ethical or moral one, involves one of my loved-ones, or it's time to stand up for Jesus.**

**Let's look at some Bible verses that reiterate this truth.**

**Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men.**

**James 1:19b-20 Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.**

**Proverbs 21:23 Whoso keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.**

**Proverbs 13:3 He that keeps his mouth keeps his life, but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction.**

**Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge aright but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.**

**Psalm 141:3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.**

**So, to sum it up...**

**Be quick to apologize, quick to listen, slow to speak and quick to forgive. (God's little devotional)**

**Children forgive quickly – why can't we as adults?**

**Once Dale and I had a disagreement with his parents who lived with us. That was a very rare event in that we got along extremely well. They were going somewhere and turned around and came back so we could resolve the issue rather than have it fester into something bigger.**

**There are families who aren't speaking to each other for years and at this point can't even really remember what the tiff was over.**

**I think you get the picture. Now let's move on to a Biblical story that doesn't use the phrase, but reflects it just the same.**

**It comes from Matthew 9:20-22.**

**A woman had had a blood disease for 12 years. She had spent all her money on doctors to no avail. Jesus was in her town and He was healing people. She thought, "If I may but touch his garment, I will be whole." She had to MAKE THE EFFORT to COME to Jesus. Because of her blood disorder, she would have been considered unclean. People would have shunned her. Pushing through the crowd to TOUCH the hem of Jesus' garment took courage and pride swallowing for sure. But SHE BELIEVED and acted on her belief. Jesus said her faith healed her – she was made whole from that hour.**

**You better bet she was equipped and ready to tell all Jesus had done for her.**

**So the question in this is, "What effort are you willing to exert in order to get what you need from Jesus, whatever that may be – healing - more faith – more courage to speak out for Jesus - more equipping to minister to others?"**

**Don't wait until you are at the end of your rope – make every effort NOW.**

\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Marcia B. Henry  
\*\* THREAD OF HOPE \*\* LENGTH: 2:50  
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**VERSE 1**

*The woman needed healing of that dreaded disease  
Her money brought physicians  
But only Jesus could bring relief  
And though her last thread of hope  
was worn down to a strand  
Her heart held onto faith  
till she could touch him with her hand.*

**CHORUS**

*Cause when you're hanging by a thread  
still you can climb life's mountain  
Though the cliffs are rough and jagged  
you can cope  
If you should slip and reach rope's end  
you'll find the hem of his garment  
So don't let go of that last thread of hope*

**VERSE 2**

*Is that you hanging onto a frayed and fragile faith  
Are you clinging to the rocks  
above a canyon of dismay  
Reach out for the lifeline it will never break in two  
So hold fast and don't lose heart  
Once again God will pull you through*

**Repeat Chorus**

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