

Victory in Adversity

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Hebrews 12:3–5

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, **lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.**

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, **despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:**

Mark 4:16–17

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, **when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.**

God's Eternal Purpose

In our daily circumstances, God brings us to death so that He can bring us to life; a resurrection life worth dying for.

1. death to self - *out of control and powerless*
2. the experience of God's power - *driven to refuge and strength not your own*
3. abiding dependence - *disciplined to cling in dependence*
4. ministry to others - *giving light and hope in crisis*

2 Corinthians 4:7–18

7 **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 **Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.**

11 **For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.**

12 **So then death worketh in us, but life in you.**

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For **WHICH CAUSE WE FAINT NOT**; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, **worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**;

ESV "For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison."

18 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.

God's Incomprehensible Wisdom

In the ignorance and stupidity of our human pride, we presume without hesitation that we know better.

Job 23:1–5

1 Then Job answered and said,

2 Even today is my complaint bitter: My stroke is heavier than my groaning.

3 **Oh that I knew where I might find him! That I might come even to his seat!**

4 **I would order my cause before him, And fill my mouth with arguments.**

5 I would know the words which he would answer me, And understand what he would say unto me.

Job 42:1–6

1 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every thing, And that no thought can be withholden from thee.

3 **Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.**

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and **declare thou unto me**.

5 **I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: But now mine eye seeth thee.**

6 **Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.**

Job 38:1–4

1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel By words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; For I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding.

Romans 8:26

"Likewise **the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered."

God's Never-Ending Love

In the pain of the trial, our mind, emotions and flesh will lie to us, saying that the affliction is proof that God has rejected me, forsaken me and does not love me.

Lamentations 3:18–26

- 18 And I said, **My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:**
19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.
21 **This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.**
22 **It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.**
23 **They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.**
24 **The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.**
25 **The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.**
26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

Psalm 27:12–14

- 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
13 **I had fainted, unless I had believed To see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**
14 Wait on the LORD: Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the LORD.

Hebrews 12:5–8

- 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, **despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:**
6 **For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.**
7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
8 **But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.**

God's Promise of Resurrection

As a child of God, there will be many days of trial and affliction when the hope of what will be is the only thing enabling you not to quit.

Job 19:25–27 ESV

- 25 **For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.**
26 **And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,**
27 **whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!**

Romans 8:18–25

18 **For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 **But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.**

God's Right to Rule

The ultimate question that must be answered in every trial is, "Does God have the right to rule in my life?" A simple "yes" will end the internal conflict and turmoil of resisting His will. In that moment peace will return.

Matthew 11:28–30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 **Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

30 **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

Job 1:20–22

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, **Naked came I out of my mother's womb, And naked shall I return thither: The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.**

22 **In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.**

Job 2:9–10

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? **shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.**

Genesis 22:1–3