

2Chronicles 20:17-AMP

17 You shall not need to fight in this battle; take your positions, stand still, and see the deliverance of the Lord [*Who is*] with you,...

2Corinthians 12:8-10-AMP

8 Three times I called upon the Lord and besought [*Him*] about this and begged that it might depart from me;

9 But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness.

Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me!

10 So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength).

1. PRAYER ISN'T ONLY ABOUT THE END RESULT, BUT ABOUT THE JOURNEY.

Content: *satisfied, fulfilled, happy, cheerful, glad; unworried, untroubled, at ease, at peace. Independent of external circumstances.*

Philippians 4:11-12-Passion Translation

11 I'm not telling you this because I need money, for I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have.

12-13 I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.

Romans 5:3-5-Passion Translation

3 But that's not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our *pressures will develop in us patient endurance.*

4 And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope.

5 And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

2. IN THE MIDST OF OUR HARD SITUATIONS, WE ARE ALWAYS TO BE THANKFUL.

1Thessalonians 5:18-AMP

Thank [God] *in* everything [*no matter what the circumstances may be*, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [*who are*] in Christ Jesus [*the Revealer and Mediator of that will*].

Hebrews 4:15-LITV

15 For we do not have a high priest not being able to *sympathize with our weaknesses* but One having been tried in all respects according to our likeness, apart from sin.

Romans 8:26-Living Bible

26 And in the same way—by our faith—the *Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words.*

a. Pray through the process. (*Praying, as we walk through and take the steps we need to take in order...to see the end result.*)

1Thessalonians 5:17-AMP

Be unceasing in prayer [*praying perseveringly*]...

b. Focus on praying for, or with others who are going through trials as you are.

Romans 15:30-NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit.

c. Ask God to give you the spiritual eyes to see beyond your situation, into the perfect will of God for your life.

Matthew 6:10-Passion Translation

10 Manifest your kingdom realm, And cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, Just as it is fulfilled in heaven.

d. Rejoice and give thanks in the midst of trials, knowing that He has a purpose for them that will be for His ultimate glory.

Ephesians 5:20-EMTV

giving thanks always concerning all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,...

e. Trust God in His knowing that His hand is at work to develop endurance, strong character and the hope of salvation within you.

Colossians 1:11-AMP

11 [We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy,

f. Ask God to help you to be content in the midst of whatever situation or circumstance you find yourself.

Philippians 4:13-Living Bible

13 ...for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.



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