

DOWN, . . . BUT NOT OUT

We may be down, but we are not out.

Psalm 30:1-5 (NKJV)

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up,
And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried out to You,
And You healed me.

³ O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave;
You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

⁵ For His anger *is but* for a moment, His favor *is for* life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy *comes* in the morning.

Philippians 4:9

(NIV) ⁹ Whatever you have *learned* or *received* or *heard* from me, or *seen* in me—**put it into practice.** And the God of peace will be with you.

(KJV) ⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **DO:** and the God of peace shall be with you.

(AMP) ⁹ **Practice** what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, *and* model your way of living on it, and the God of peace (of untroubled, undisturbed well-being) will be with you.

DO IT. PRACTICE IT.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 16-18 (NIV)

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ **We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.**

¹⁶ **Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.** ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ **So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

Romans 8:31-39 (NIV) More Than Conquerors

³¹ **What, then, shall we say in response to these things?** If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² **He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?** ³³ **Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.** ³⁴ **Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.** ³⁵ **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?** ³⁶ **As it is written:**

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** ³⁸ **For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

1 Timothy 6:12

¹² **Fight the good fight of faith.** (Faith is Believing and Acting on that belief.) **A.C.T.** on it. **Action, Courage, and Trust.**

1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ **Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.** ¹⁸ **Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.** ¹⁹ **In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.**

1 Peter 2:20

“When you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.”
The best way to respond to wrong is to do what's right.

Galatians 6:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ **And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.** ¹⁰ **As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

Psalm 121:1-2 (KJV)

¹ **I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.** ² **My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.**

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

³¹ **but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

Don't get tired of doing what's right, . . . fix your eyes on Jesus, . . . take comfort in His HELP and find hope in His STRENGTH. . . . Weeping may endure for a night, But joy *comes* in the morning. Amen.

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