

Don't Throw In The Towel

II Cor. 2:14a (Contemporary English Version) I am grateful that God always makes it possible for Christ to lead us to victory.

I. The Enemy of Discouragement

Psalms 23:4 (Today's English Version) Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

God is with you right in the mist of your troubles.

Isaiah 43:1-2 (Today's English Version) Israel, the Lord who created you says, "Do not be afraid—I will save you. I have called you by name—you are mine. 2When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

Matthew 28:20 (New Living Translation) Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Bible said we should expect trouble.

Job 14:1 (New International Version) "Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.

I Peter 4:12 (New International Version) Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

Know that the power of God to put you over is greater than Satan's power or ability to pull us under.

I John 4:4 (King James Version) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

II. How To Handle Trouble When It Comes

1. Know That You have Power Over Satan

I Cor. 10:13 (King James Version)

Luke 10:19 (King James Version)

James 4:7 (King James Version)

Ephes. 3:20 (King James Version)

II Cor. 2:14 (King James Version)

2. Know The Weapons You Use Are Not Earthly

II Cor. 10:4 (New Century Version) We fight with weapons that are different from those the world uses. Our weapons have power from God that can destroy the enemy's strong places.

3. Don't Invite Satan In

Ephes. 4:27 (New International Version) and do not give the devil a foothold.

4. Know That Renewing Your Mind Is Your Responsibility Not God's

Romans 12:2 (King James Version) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

5. Know It's Your Responsibility To Take A Stand Against Trouble

Matthew 24:6 (Today's English Version) You are going to hear the noise of battles close by and the news of battles far away; but do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but they do not mean that the end has come.

6. Decide To Come Out Of Dry Places Into The Land Of Plenty

7. Don't Stop, Keep Moving

8. Know God Will Help You If You Ask

Psalms 91:15 (Contemporary English Version) When you are in trouble, call out to me. I will answer and be there to protect and honor you.

Luke 5:17-20 (Living Bible)

Don't Throw In The Towel because at the end you're just have to go back and pick it up.