



Grace Evangelistic Ministries Word Of Encouragement

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It is inconceivable that a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ would think that God the Father is unaware of, or has forgotten you even for a moment. There's not a chance in a million that He will take His eyes off you...not ever! In fact, God had you personally on His mind when He uttered this promise: "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, I WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU" (Hebrews 13:5c). Repeat: No matter what, God will never, ever take His eyes off you. Not then, not now, and not ever, even if you wanted Him to! That's a fact of the Bible!

Satan may deceive you into believing that God is finished with you; he will point to this or that situation to drive his lies home. He may point a finger at your unanswered prayers, or at how long you have suffered in life. He may even parade memories of peers, who have done well in life, before your mind's eye to induce you to self pity—the "why me?" syndrome. You ought not to entertain his lies, not even for a second—for he is the inventor of lies and an intruder in our spiritual lives. Our Lord revealed Satan's true colors when he said, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not [cannot and will not] stand in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies" (John 8:44b).

That's just the first chapter of your life! God, in His matchless grace, orchestrated an action-plan for every problem you will ever face! In fact, God the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to let us know that "No [testing] has overtaken you but such is common to man; and God is faithful [today, tomorrow, and forever], who will not allow you to be [tested] beyond what you are able [to handle], but with the testing will provide a way of escape" (1 Corinthians 10:13). That's right! He promised to provide a way out of any predicament through His grace provisions which guard and surround us, beginning with His infallible Word and the ability to utilize it through the energizing power of the Holy Spirit. This promise is good 24/7 for those who are learning and applying His Word, and thus growing and advancing to the high ground of spiritual maturity. The Apostle Paul had the advancing believer in mind when he uttered these words: "And we know [we should know] that God causes all things [all suffering included] to work together for [an intrinsic] good for those who love God, [the advancing believers] to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Job, who loved God to the maximum, understood this concept without ever seeing a page of the Bible: "He knows [God is concretely aware of the magnitude of my suffering], when He has [tested me—mixing my good moments with my suffering; When He is done], I shall [emerge in glittering splendor] like gold[!]" (Job 23:10). What's the difference between you and Job? He had few spiritual assets in his time, while today we have an abundance. You have the indwelling of the triune God. Job did not. You have the completed canon of Scripture while he saw not a page; yet, he emerged victorious! With that in mind, you are challenged with the assignment to fill in the blank: "To whom much is given _____" You know the answer – "much is expected." It boils down to this, God expects that you use His grace provisions, God the Holy Spirit and the dynamic power of the Word of God, to handle everything that Satan fires at you! - *Continued on next page...*

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The BIG question is, are you where God wants you to be—doing what He wants you to do? If your spirit bears witness with His Holy Spirit that you are following His plan for your life, relax; God has everything under His control! Surely, He is in control of your suffering. In your situation, it may seem that all hope is gone, but always remember who is in charge—the El-Shaddai—the ever-able God. So, my friend, always remember that when it comes to God's promises in the Bible, you have nothing to lose. By comparison God has everything at stake, for His veracity (truthfulness)—a component of His essence and integrity—is being watched! Satan and his minions are closely monitoring God to see whether He will falter or slip up on any of His promises; however, there's not a chance!

Indeed, our Lord's Word deserves to be capitalized, highlighted, italicized, and underlined: "FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER OR STROKE SHALL PASS AWAY FROM [GOD'S WORD] UNTIL ALL IS ACCOMPLISHED" (Matthew 5:18). Here you have His promise loud and clear. In (Ps 25:3) He also promises if your hope is in Him, you "shall never be put to shame." This means no matter how dark your situation may look, no matter what your present predicament, even if it seems that all hope is gone, God cannot, should not, and will not falter on His promise! So take a deep breath, lean back and reassure yourself in light of His promise that come what may, He will see you through. This is the confidence of those who love God—those who have reached, or who are growing and advancing to the high ground of spiritual maturity!

"You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free" (John 8:32).