

October 12 Overcoming by Gods Strength

"Only he who can say, 'The Lord is the strength of my life' can say, 'Of whom shall I be afraid?'" - Alexander MacLaren

"We were conscious that our Lord Jesus was near us and that through Him we were made strong for any assignment which He had given or might give." - John Paton, missionary to New Hebrides in the South Pacific

"God never gives us anything to do that He does not give us the strength to do." - Jack Hyles

"So many times we say that we can't serve God because we aren't whatever is needed. We're not talented enough or smart enough or whatever. But if you are in covenant with Jesus Christ, He is responsible for covering your weaknesses, for being your strength. He will give you His abilities for your disabilities!" ~ Kay Arthur, Bible Teacher

Psalm 46:1-3 - "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."

2 Timothy 1:7 - "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

Philippians 4:11-13 - Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Psalm 138:3 - In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.

Psalm 73:26 - My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Lord, You are my refuge and strength. I will not fear, but trust in Your enabling power.

13 Overcome by Willing Service

"I am ready to burn out for God. I am ready to endure any hardship, if by any means I might save some. The longing of my heart is to make known my glorious Redeemer to those who have never heard." –William Chalmers Burns, missionary to China

"A child of God, though he cannot serve the Lord perfectly, yet he serves him willingly; his will is in the law of the Lord; he is not a pressed soldier, but a volunteer. By the beating of this pulse we may judge whether there be spiritual life in us or no." - Thomas Watson

"My heart burns for the deliverance of Africa, and if you can send me to any of those regions which Livingstone and Stanley have found to be groaning under the curse of the slave-hunter, I shall be very glad." - Alexander Mackay, missionary to Uganda

"Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be." - George Mueller

"There is one safe and happy place, and that is in the will of God." - David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

1 Chronicles 28:9 - *"And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever."*

Romans 12:1 - *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

Colossians 3:23-24 - *Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.*

Psalms 51:12-13 - *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.*

Isaiah 6:8 - *Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

Philippians 2:14-15 - *Do all things without grumbling or disputing; 15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,*

Prayer by Robert Moffat, Missionary to South Africa:

"Precious Lord, look down in compassion upon Thy servant and upon this wretched land. If I die, it is unto Thee. And if I live, use me to plant Thy garden in the wilderness, where multitudes may slake their thirst at the Fountain of Living Water and find healing in the leaves of the Tree of Life."

October 14 Overcome by Pressing On

"I feel it my duty to plod on while daylight last." - William Carey, missionary to India

"Life is a journey, not a home; a road, not a city of habitation; and the enjoyments and blessings we have are but little inns on the roadside of life, where we may be refreshed for a moment, that we may with new strength press on to the end - to the rest that remaineth for the people of God." - Horatius Bonar

"God knows if ever man had reason to be lonely and sad, [Alexander] Mackay had, when, after murdering his Bishop, and burning his pupils, and strangling his converts, and clubbing to death his dark friends, M'wanga turned his eye of death on him [Mackay]. And yet the little man met it with calm blue eyes that never winked. It is worth going a long journey to see one man of this kind, working day after day without a syllable of complaint or a moan, and to hear him lead his little flock in singing and prayer to show forth God's kindness in the morning and His faithfulness every night." Henry M. Stanley, friend of Alexander Mackay who was a missionary to Uganda

"Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible, by faith in the omnipotence, fidelity, and wisdom of the Almighty Saviour Who gave the command. Is there a wall in our path? By our God we will leap over it! Are there lions and scorpions in our way? We will trample them under our feet! Does a mountain bar our progress? Saying, 'Be thou cast into the sea,' we will march on." - C. T. Studd, missionary to China, India, Africa

Philippians 3:12-15 - *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.*

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 - *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8 - *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.*

Romans 2:6-8 - *He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.*

Lord, help me not to become lazy or apathetic in my Christian walk. Help me to press on, fight the good fight, and keep the faith in order to receive an imperishable prize.