

# Despite Myself

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Scriptures that remind me of the fact that God doesn't need me in order to get jobs done.....

Hmmm.. I'm just reminded today that despite my thoughts and shortcomings, God is bigger and has a plan in place – He has a plan A, a plan B, a plan C - - He makes SOMETHING out of NOTHING.

I'm thinking that there are some of us out there (Including myself) that have wrestled and may still be wrestling with how to get back to a place of intimacy with the Lord. I was thinking of this tonight – How I love the Lord so much... but am I IN LOVE with Him?

Because when you are crazy about someone – that person is all you think about – you want to spend time with them and you want to please them and you want to put their wants and needs before your own.

I'm crazy about the Lord – I do love Him and I do want to please Him, but spending time with Him now is not like it used to be – and I know life changes and I'm going with the flow – but I don't always find myself thinking about Him first. I'm just being honest with you all – I don't want my love for the Lord to wax cold.

Every now and then I find myself pulled to the piano and I sit and just tell the Lord I love Him – but I find those moments FEW and FAR between and they don't end up being long.

Oh those of you who are single without children – CHERISH IT! Even those of you who are older in your marriages and your kids are grown and out of the house - CHERISH IT!! Lol Especially if you don't have to work!

I'm reminded today that even though I find it hard to push myself to another place to stretch myself beyond my normal, that God still loves me, that He's patient and He's never left me and will never leave me just because I'm struggling.... He's not sitting up there snarling at me because I'm totally not motivated... If anything He will move closer and nudge me and say "Yo, get it together... I'll help ya"

**Romans 8:38-39 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

And if the Lord is dealing with you then own it – because He will eventually, if you have given yourself to Him – He will not let you stay in your sin, He will not let you continue in your struggle, you will see signs or wake-up calls to get it together – and it's not an OR-ELSE – deal – it's a – YOU ARE BETTER THAN THIS.... I'M HERE FOR YOU like a trainer cheering you on – because HE LOVES YOU more than you and I will EVER know.

**Hebrews 12:6 - For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.**

**Proverbs 3:12 - because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.**

**Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.**

**Jude 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.**

Remember with me dear friends – God is on our side. He rejoices over us – and because scripture tells me to, I'm going to wait for His mercies – they are new every morning. <3

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