



POWER STRUGGLE

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Psalms 27:13 (KJV)

As our passage of Scripture opens, the psalmist explains with great emotion, the toll his present struggle was taking on him. Whatever the situation, he was worn out from engaging the battle and was weary to the point of fainting. The word faint means to feel weak, or exhausted, timid, lacking courage, or to even lose consciousness temporarily.

The trials of life can certainly have the means to weaken one's strength and cause us to timidly shy away from engaging life's battles, as we lick our wounds, wanting to oh so consciously press the proverbial pause, or even the escape button in the middle of the battle. Praise be to God Who hasn't left us without help and hope!

The encouragement of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy speaks well to such situations. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7(NLT).

I'm reminded now, of another young warrior of faith. To young Joshua, the Lord said *No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage.* Joshua 1:5-6a (NKJV) The very same admonition was made to both men and is repeated to us today with ample cause.

We too have been given a destiny to fulfill and will need to stand courageously in the face of adversity knowing that our God has given us all we'll need to emerge from life's battles victoriously. We needn't surrender timidly, shrinking back in fear when the battles of life surface, but courageously take our stance secure in the power of God's Word, boldly declaring it over every situation.

Young Timothy went on to do great things for the Lord throughout his lifetime. He needed only to press past his fears and yield to the power that had been placed within him to accomplish the call upon his life. God never leaves us without help, or the things we'll need to accomplish the task set before us. *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)

We have no need to struggle when we're trusting in the power of our Almighty God, and in His Word. Remember too that the victory is not only attained on the other side in Glory, but in the here and now as well. So, don't grow weary as you wade through the difficulties of life. Boldly oppose a timid stance. Believe that God is on your side and holds victory for you in every circumstance. Your victory is on the way!

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not

Galatians 6:9 (KJV)