

Faith For Change

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Many of us today may recall a time in our life when we experienced some form of disappointment. It could have been a dream, a vision, or a broken relationship. Whatever it may have been, the results are always the same. Suddenly you hit the wall, and everything comes to a standstill. Life begins to paint a different picture. You had positioned yourself to run the race set before you, but now you have found yourself unable to move. 'Where is God in all of this? Why me?' The thoughts begin to overwhelm your mind.

Isaiah 43:2 says, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. (KJV)" This is a promise of hope, a promise given by your Heavenly Father. God loves you and He cares for you, His plan for you is to see you succeed in life (**Jeremiah 29:11**). Allow God to help you.

Faith in God will change your destiny, if you let it. Faith in God rests in the confidence that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (**Hebrew 13:8**). Faith in God has no limit; faith in God does not recognize failure or defeat. It shall be well with you (**Isaiah 3:10**). Faith based on the Word of God overcomes all stumbling blocks. **Romans 10:17** says, **"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."**

Truly all things are possible with God. Every disappointment can be turned into His divine appointment. Let's take a look at the Apostle Paul. He was chosen by God, to spread the good news of salvation to the Gentiles. He ended up in a prison cell in Rome where his dream of fulfilling his vision or call could have been shattered. Here he was beaten, bound in chains, and locked behind bars. He could have easily given up, folded his hands, done nothing and even possibly thought that he had missed God's plan for his life. But Paul chose to have faith in God and believed that God had brought him this far and that He will see him through.

A great man of God once said: "Disappointments, failures and trials are the eggs we break to make the omelettes of life's success." Your disappointments can become stepping stones to your future. Paul knew that even though he could not preach to the people on the outside, he could preach to the people inside and he won the guards in the prison to the Lord. Let us learn from Paul's experience. Take the opportunity you have now and use it to change your situation.

Philippians 3:13-14 "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Paul was telling the Philippians to forget the past and start looking ahead. Paul had to learn how to put negative thoughts and feelings of guilt behind him and get on with life.

I want you to see your shattered dreams mended, broken relationships restored through the eyes of faith in God. Loss is not loss until you view it as such. Life is loaded with tests. Each day presents a new wrinkle to be ironed out. Knowing the One with the Holy Ghost iron, resting in Him and His promised Word, is the best place to be. When we believe that

He is; He provides us with what will keep us doing what He intended for us to do in the first place. Life may change your conditions but it does not have to affect what you believe.

Begin to verbalize God's word in faith to contradict negative mental suggestions. Let your speech be full of the promises of God. Your words can be fully active, fully employed, fully working, *causing those things that be not as though they were.*

Unless otherwise stated, all scripture quotes are from the New King James Version (NKJV)