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PERSONAL WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT
FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID WILKERSON



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"I stepped out by faith to go to New York. I slept in a little office and began my ministry to teenagers without a dollar in the bank account. God has never failed me. He has loaded me daily with His benefits. Step out by faith and you'll discover a new world of victory, glory, adventure and fruitfulness."

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AT THE END OF THE ROPE

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**Are you at the end of the rope?
Weary, cast down, about to give up?**

I challenge you to answer the following questions with a simple yes or no:

- Does the Word of God promise to supply all your needs?
- Did Jesus say He would never leave you, but would be with you to the end?
- Did He say He would keep you from falling and present you faultless before the Father's throne?
- Did He say that He would supply you with all you need at all times?
- Did He promise you all the seed you need to spread the gospel?
- Is He more willing to give than you are to receive?
- Are His thoughts toward you good thoughts?
- Is He a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him?
- Is He preparing a place for you in glory?
- Is He greater in you than he that is in the world?
- Is He coming in the clouds to gather His people home?
- Are you going with Him when He comes?

Your answer to all of these should be, "Absolutely, yes!"



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PEACE PLEASE



Your heavenly Father
knows exactly what you're
going through and He'll
see you through it all.
Remember, God has
promised never to leave
you. Just keep turning to
Him—by faith alone!

ONE DAY AT A TIME





*How can we learn to hold on and live one day at a time?
You can begin by forgetting all shortcuts and magic cures.*

Faith should not be a burden or a puzzle. The more childlike it is, the better it works.

Happiness does not mean living without pain or hurt—not at all. True happiness is learning how to live one day at a time, in spite of sorrow and pain. It is learning how to rejoice in the Lord, no matter what has happened in the past.

Worshippers are not made during revivals, in the good, sunny times, or periods of victory and health. Worshippers of God are made during dark stormy nights. And how we respond to our storms determines just what kind of worshippers we are.

Faith is a gift, not a diploma.

Maybe you're in a storm right now. The wind is blowing hard, shaking you violently, and you think you're going down. Beloved, don't panic! You've got to know that in the midst of the tempest, you are putting down deep spiritual roots. God is developing in you a deepening humility, a greater mourning and sorrow for sin, a heightened hunger for His righteousness.

I will no longer worry or fret about issues that do not worry my Savior. By calling the Holy Spirit the Comforter, Jesus made an infallible prediction. He was predicting His people would be suffering discomfort, and would be in need of comfort—that there would be a lot of pain and suffering among His people in the last days.

God didn't promise you a painless way of life. He promised you "a way of escape." He promised to help you bear your pain. Strength to put you back on your feet when weakness makes you stagger.

The Christian life is not a life of clear sailing. Every believer is going to have bad days, no matter how holy he may be. Most Christians know Jesus isn't just a "good times only" savior. He is with us not only when things are going well, but during our bad days also. When hard times hit us, He doesn't disappear, saying, "I'll be back when you've got it all worked out." No, He's faithful and caring through every season.

God does not come down and do our living for us.



WE HAVE A PART
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Being separate from this world is the greatest witness in this world today.

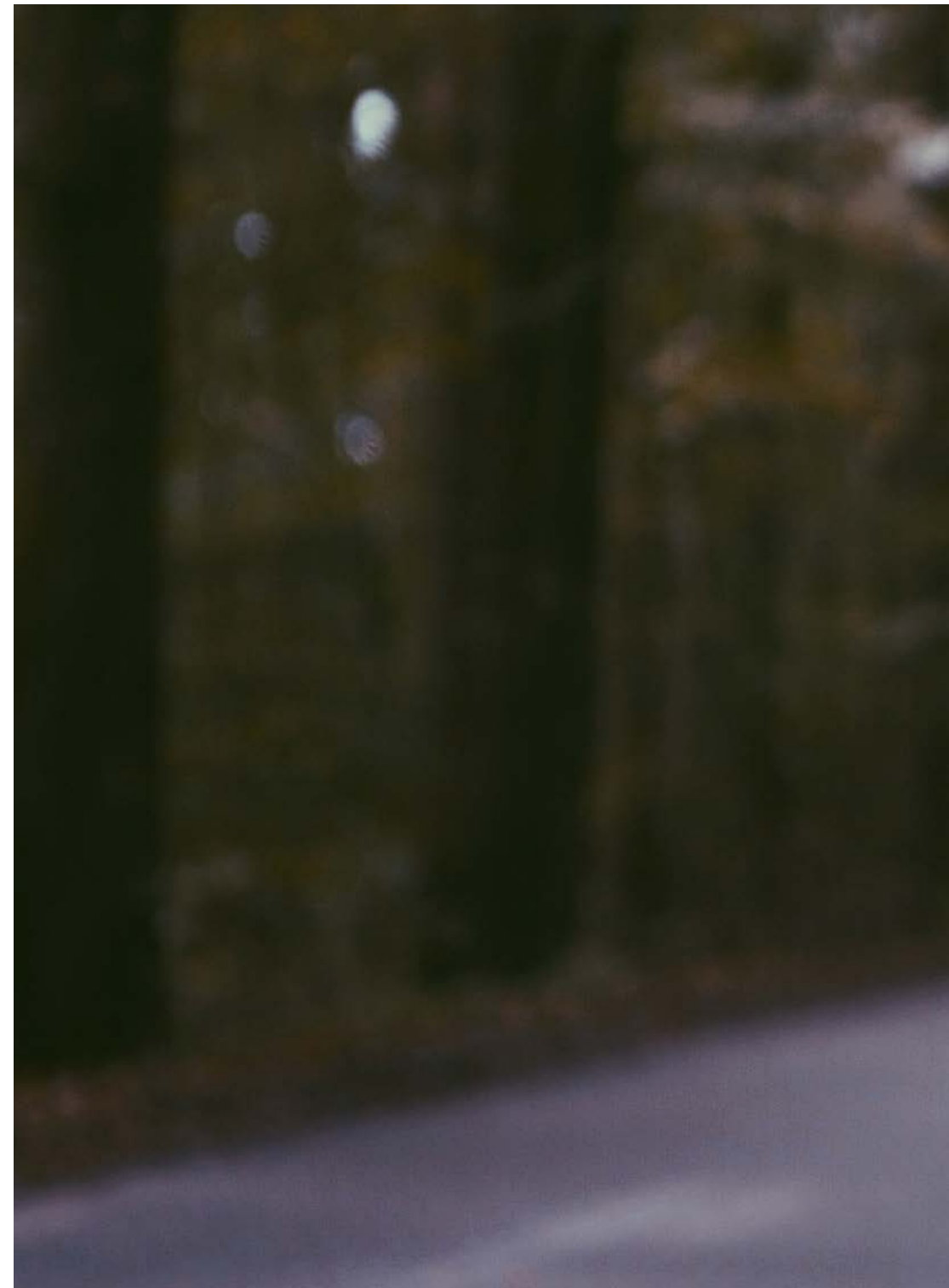
If you hunger and thirst for the fullness of Christ, Satan will declare outright war on you. When he sees evidence that your commitment is real—your diligence in prayer, your denial of self—he will use every weapon in hell to try to destroy your testimony. Why? Because your testimony is God's answer to apostasy and ruin!

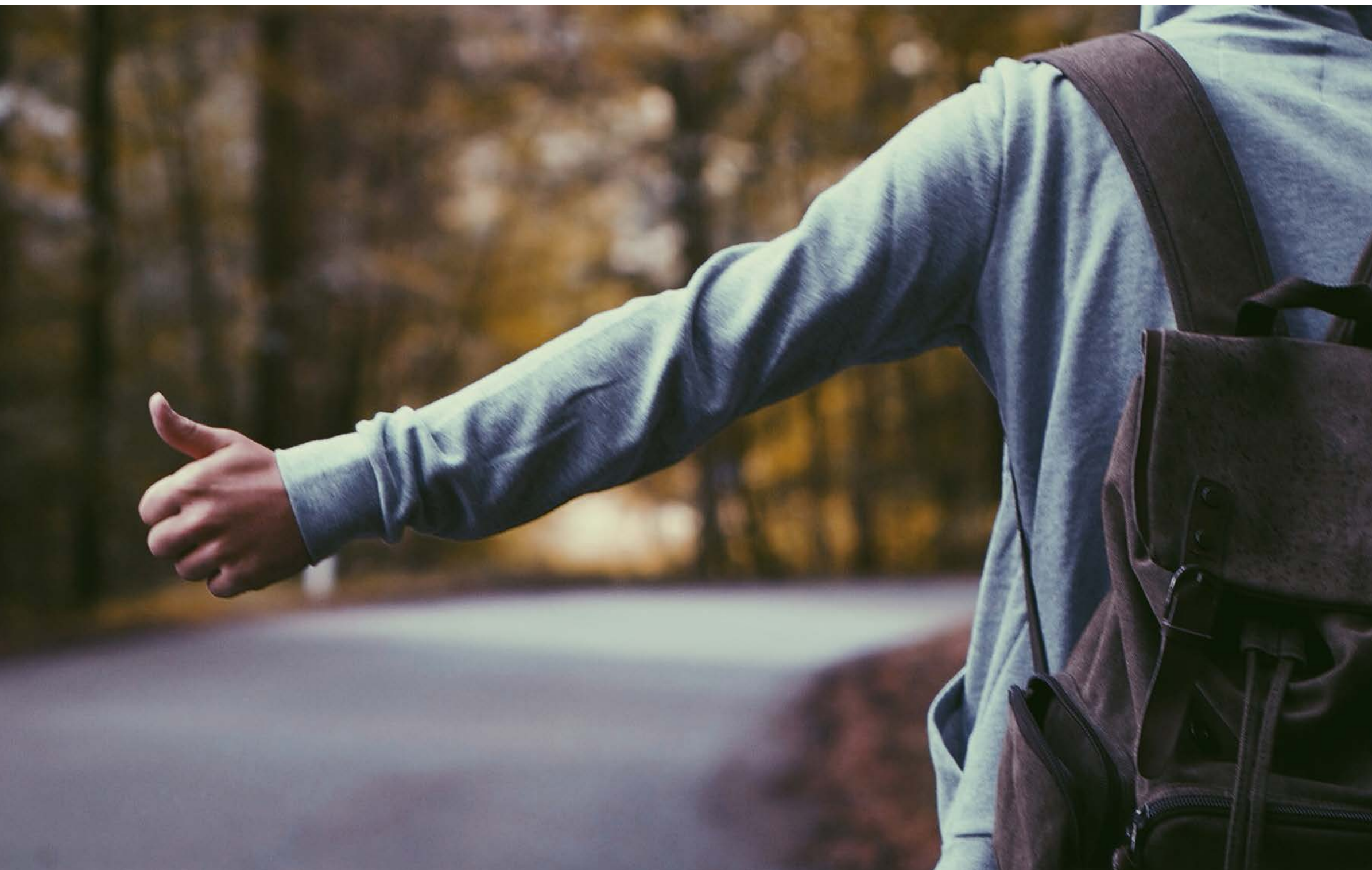
It may not fit into your Theology, but our blessed Lord has Himself established an altar in Satan's territory. No sinner, no backslider has far to go to get back to God. He can kneel at a bar. He can reach out in the midst of drugs, prostitution, and ungodliness, and discover the Spirit of God.

God's Word is crucial, it is our daily sustenance.


It is impossible to bear the fruit of righteousness without His Word abiding in you. Neglect of the Word is causing barrenness and bringing a terrible withering to God's people

Our part in resisting temptation is to simply believe God can sanctify our will and put in us an overpowering desire to resist the devil's invitation.





*How long will the lord go out after our straying backsliding, lost loved ones?
Our God never gives up on them. He is ever in pursuit. He never wearies, never slumbers or sleeps. He keeps on their trail.*



God has everything under
control, and His people
have nothing to fear.

GOD IS IN CONTROL





The truth is that history is going somewhere. We can be sure that the swift current of unfolding events today is carrying us toward God's eternal purpose. The world is not adrift; the Lord hasn't abandoned the earth, no matter how wicked and faithless humankind has become. Rather, God has simply picked up the pace. And what we are seeing now is a swift movement of events toward the "one divine event" ahead: the re-creation of a new heaven and earth, where Christ will reign supreme for all eternity.



God has never, in the history of mankind, allowed His name to go long offended.

Don't be fooled—our country is not ruled by Republicans, Democrats or any human authority. It is not controlled by Wall Street or big business entities. No power, earthly or supernatural, rules America or any other nation. God alone is in control. He sits as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, ruling and reigning over all creation from His heavenly throne.

Beloved, our God is not one bit anxious about Satan. He isn't fretting over what we see as an evil takeover of our nation. With just one word from our Lord's mouth, Satan will be gone forever, tormented for eternity. Therefore, we are to fear no evil.

David was offered King Saul's Armor and weapons. But David chose the only weapon he trusted. The Lord of host!

The day God's Spirit brought us to Jesus and anointed us, He came to stay, to abide. In your trial, in your discomfort, He is your comforter. Things may seem to be going wrong, but for you who trust, God has everything under control.

“God is not just ‘up there’ engaged in running the universe. He is ‘down here’ at work.”



Quit thinking of faith formulas and methods. Just commit every prayer to Jesus and go about your business with confidence that He will not be one moment early or late in answering.

ALWAYS ON TIME





It doesn't matter if our lives are spinning out of control—we are to walk in total confidence in the Lord. Even if things look hopeless, we are not to act in fear. Rather, we are to wait patiently on Him to deliver us, as His Word promises.

God is able to so invigorate you that you will have all you need, at all times.

What God asks of you may sound unreasonable. He asks that we trust Him when He gives no evidence of answering our prayer, when the situation seems hopeless and we are sure it is all over. “Trust me”—the Lord says. Illogical? Yes. But for centuries the Lord has proven He is always on time and He never allows Satan to have the last word. God always comes through—in perfect Holy Ghost timing.


Your heavenly Father watches over you with an unwavering eye. Every move is monitored. Every tear is bottled. He identifies with your every pain. He feels every hurt. He will never allow you to drown in your tears. He will not permit your hurt to deteriorate your mind. He promises to come, right on time, to wipe away your tears and give you joy for mourning.

Maybe you’re in a storm right now. The wind is blowing hard, shaking you violently, and you think you’re going down. Beloved, don’t panic! You’ve got to know that in the midst of the tempest, you are putting down deep spiritual roots. God is developing in you a deepening humility, a greater mourning and sorrow for sin, a heightened hunger for His righteousness.

Don’t worry about whether God is saying “Yes” or “No” to your request. Don’t be downcast when the answer is not in sight and, please, quit concentrating on faith formulas and methods. Just commit every prayer to Jesus and go about your business with confidence. He will not be one moment early or late in answering, and if the answer you seek is not forthcoming, say to your heart, “He is all I need. If I need more, He will not withhold it. He will answer in His time and in His way. And if He does not fulfill my request, He must have a perfect reason for not doing so. No matter what happens, I will always have faith in His faithfulness.”

Christians, you dare not stay up late at night and fret over conditions. Be aware and take all God’s warnings to heart. But after you have done all you can, then sit back, go to sleep, and trust God.

Nowhere in the Bible does God promise to keep us from problems. Never does He promise us a smooth ride in our job or career. Nor does He promise us exemption from affliction. In fact, He says: “Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all” (Psalm 34:19). This verse does not say God delivers us from afflictions, but out of them.

A black and white photograph of a person sitting at a desk, viewed from behind. The person is looking out a large window that fills the background with bright, diffused light. The window has a grid pattern. The person is wearing a dark, textured jacket. A text box is overlaid on the image, containing a quote.

There is not a problem that He
cannot solve through prayer.
People who truly pray do not
stay confused. People who
pray get guidance.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

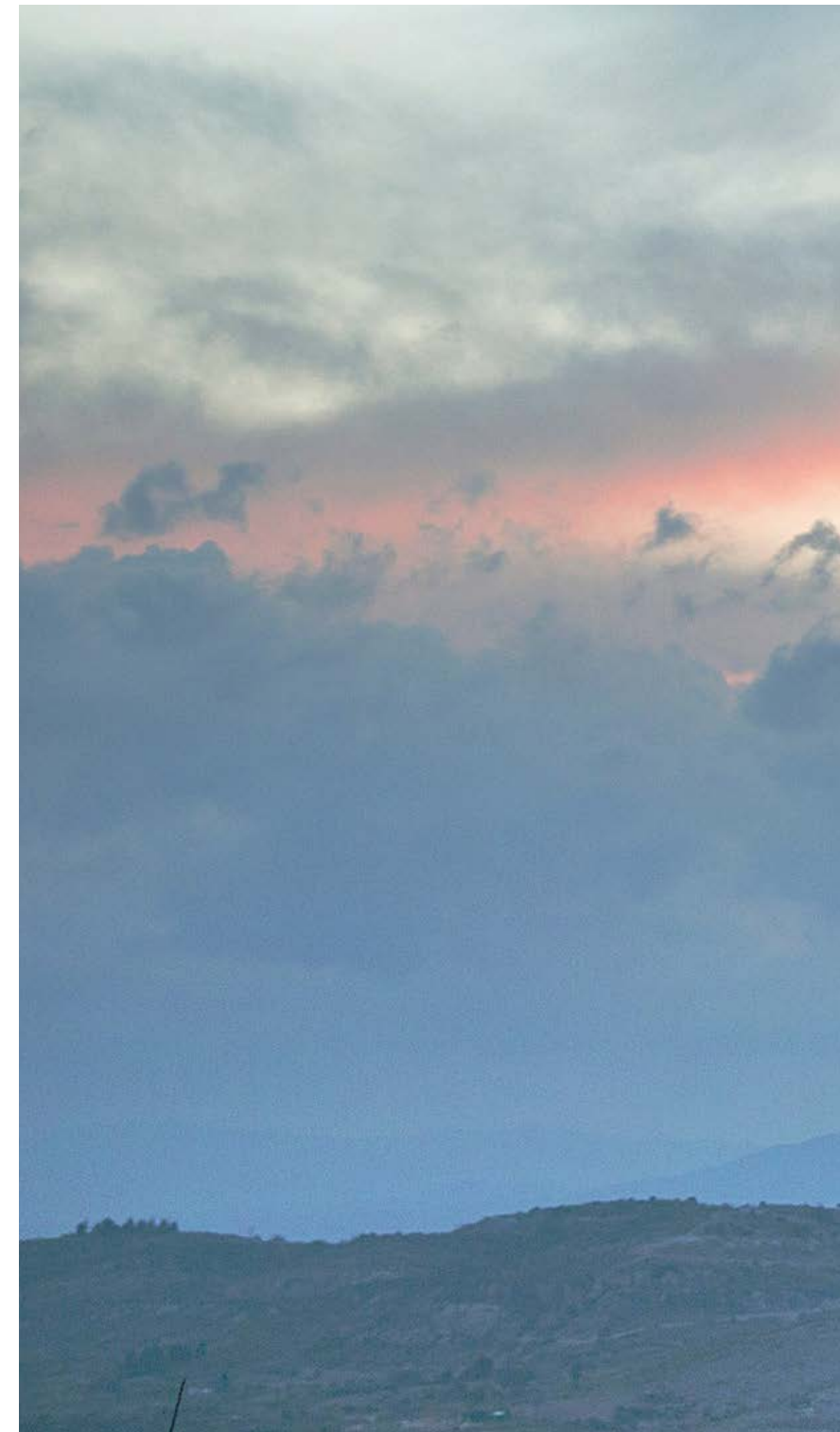


Hope is the Christians security blanket. Wrap your self in hope and the cold blast of anxiety cannot chill your rest.

Prayer is not finished—it is not “completed prayer”—until it sees you through to the other side of your trial. We have not “prayed it through” until we have “lived it through” our trials by the strength we received in God’s presence.


Multitudes of Christians crisscross the country attending seminars and conventions with a “go to Egypt” mentality. They are networking, strategizing, borrowing worldly methods, and getting flesh-inspired counsel. In short, they are looking for any new thing that might excite them. But the praying servant who trusts God wholly knows he has no time for Egyptian concepts. The only place he runs is to his secret closet—where he gets His counsel on his knees.

All hell quakes at the effectual, fervent prayer of a single believer. The powerful praying of just one intercessor sounds like raging thunder in the caverns of the damned. Not one inch of space in hell remains unaffected by a believer who denies himself, takes up his cross, and follows Christ with his whole heart.





*Faithful praying will not keep you out of a crisis.
But prayer will prepare you to face it all with trust—to become a living sacrifice for Jesus' sake!*

A woman with long, wavy blonde hair is shown in profile, looking out towards the left. She is wearing a dark, textured scarf and a dark jacket. The background is a blurred cityscape at night, with numerous out-of-focus lights creating a bokeh effect. The overall tone is warm and contemplative.

Don't allow any kinds of bad news to make you afraid. Our God is still on the throne and all things still work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose

GOD IS WHO HE
SAYS HE IS





What do I do when temptation rolls over me like a flood? What do I do when my inadequacies overwhelm me, and I see the reflections of my weakness? I bring to God all I have left. I may not understand why He seems to take so long to intervene, but I know He will. He will keep His word to me.



God is still God—and He is mighty in working miracles and wonders! He is still our healer and He wants to show Himself strong on behalf of those who trust in Him! Great supernatural workings took place in the New Testament church without any perversions—without advertising, showmanship or any person claiming all the power and authority.


After all is said and done—and all the sermons have been preached on hope—it comes down to this: Are we willing to commit all into His hands—rest in His Word—and stand without wavering in the love of God, fully convinced His promises to you will be fulfilled?

We have the written testimonies of almost twenty centuries of Christians, generation after generation of godly fathers who have passed down to us unshakable proofs of God's love. Let us look for His exceeding mercy and love, and recognize who He is!

Positive thinking won't make problems go away and "confessing" that these problems don't really exist doesn't change a thing. What is the cure? There are two absolutes that have brought me great comfort and help.

- God loves me. He is a loving Father wanting only to lift us out of our weakness.
- It is my faith that pleases Him most. He wants me to trust Him.

No other human being on earth can create happiness for you. You must create it for yourself through the work of God in your own life.



God's first answer to our every prayer and heart-cry is His peace! All praying people have this one thing in common: No matter how bad they feel going into their secret closet of prayer, they come out filled with His peace!

PEACE PLEASE





No matter what happens to America or to the nations of the world, no power in hell can rob you of the peace of God through Jesus Christ.

When God speaks, peace follows, and Satan cannot counterfeit that peace.

You can't sleep till you first 'lay down.' Lay down your problems, your illness, your anxieties. Leave tomorrow with God. He is big enough to handle it.

It doesn't matter what you're going through. Your life may look like it was struck by a tornado. You may endure trials that cause others to look at you as a modern-day Job. But in the midst of your troubles, when you call on the Holy Spirit to baptize you in the peace of Christ, He will do it.

All you need is available to you. Strength, rest, power, ability, joy, and cheer. There is no reason for you to labor with sadness, to be overburdened. You have access to all strength and joy!"

I have a loving Father who will never fail me. And I'll not accuse Him of failing me! He is going to see me through one way or another. I may not have the lifestyle I'm accustomed to, but if He brings down everything around me and I maintain my faith I will have joy, happiness, and peace, and all that I need.

There is nothing out there that will change or save you from who and what you are already. If you think someone else is going to solve your loneliness problem, you're badly mistaken. You must find deliverance, peace, hope and joy now through Jesus Christ.

Everybody is racing to reach an unknown goal, an elusive place of peace and fulfillment. Thank God for Jesus, we have found our source of happiness and gladness of heart.

God has not forgotten you! He knows exactly where you are and what you are going through right now, and He is monitoring every step along your path.

OUR STORY



ABOUT DAVID WILKERSON

The whole strange adventure got its start one night as I sat in my study reading Life magazine. I merely turned a page, and at first glance it seemed there was nothing to interest me. The page showed a pen drawing of a trial taking place in New York City, 350 miles away from my home in rural Pennsylvania. I'd never been to New York, and I'd never wanted to go, except perhaps to see the Statue of Liberty.

I started to flip the page over. But as I did, something caught my eye. It was the eyes of a figure in the drawing - a boy. He was one of seven boys on trial for murder. I held the magazine closer to get a better look. The artist had captured a look of bewilderment, hatred and despair in the young boy's features. Suddenly, I began to cry.

The story revolted me. It literally turned my stomach. In our little mountain town, such things seemed mercifully unbelievable. Yet I was dumbfounded by the next thought that sprang into my head. It came to me full-blown, as if from somewhere else: Go to New York and help those boys.

The thought startled me. "I'd be a fool to do that," I reasoned. "I know nothing about kids like these. And I don't want to know anything."

It was no use. The idea wouldn't go away. I was to go to New York. And I was to do it at once, while the trial was still in progress.

As told from the best-selling book, *The Cross and the Switchblade*, this trip to New York in 1958 changed David Wilkerson's life forever. David Wilkerson's burden for the lost of the city increased and gave birth to the ministry of Teen Challenge — a nationwide ministry to reach out to people with life controlling habits. Later, to continue to minister the love of God, David Wilkerson would start World Challenge, Inc. and become the founding pastor of Times Square Church in New York City.



ABOUT WORLD CHALLENGE

In 1971 David Wilkerson founded World Challenge, Inc., a non-profit organization, to serve as a way to globally deliver crusades, pastor's conferences, resource publication, video production, street evangelism, literature distribution, church planting, drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers and charitable outreaches. All with a powerful biblical message of the love of Christ, righteous living and complete reliance on God.

Today, World Challenge under the leadership of Gary Wilkerson, David Wilkerson's son, carries on that same vision by sharing the message of the gospel through biblically sound resources, pastors conferences and mission outreaches. Monthly sermons through the Pulpit Series Newsletter and daily inspirational devotionals from David and Gary Wilkerson are shared to hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. World Challenge mission outreaches to the poor include orphanages, overseas widows' fund, emergency/disaster relief, and our newest ministry World Poverty Solutions which brings poverty solutions within reach of every poor community around the world.



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