

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will;
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;
When the funds are low and the debts are high;
And you want to smile but you have to sigh.
When all is pressing you down a bit-
Rest if you must, but don't you quit
Success is failure turned inside out;
The silver tint on the clouds of doubt;
And you can never tell how close you are;
It may be near when it seems far.
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things go wrong that you must not quit."

—JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

Don't Quit! Be faithful! Regardless of the obstacles, **DO NOT GIVE UP!** When I think about this, I naturally consider the topic of faithfulness. But where to begin? With Jesus of course!

Consider Jesus

Hebrews 3 ([World English Bible](#))

¹Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus; ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, as also was Moses in all his house. (emphasis added) ³For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, because he who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone; but he who built all things is God. ⁵Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken, ⁶but Christ is faithful as a Son over his house; whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the glorying of our hope firm to the end. (emphasis added)

Jesus was faithful, so we should be as well! The house of God (the church) should be as well. This means to hold fast to the end. Period.

Don't Waiver

2 Corinthians 1 (WEB)

¹⁷When I therefore was thus determined, did I show fickleness? Or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the

“Yes, yes” and the “No, no?” ¹⁸ But as God is faithful, our word toward you was not “Yes and no.” (emphasis added)

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, by me, Silvanus, and Timothy, was not “Yes and no,” but in him is “Yes.” ²⁰ For however many are the promises of God, in him is the “Yes.” Therefore also through him is the “Amen”, to the glory of God through us. (emphasis added)

God made promises and has kept them. Paul followed in God’s footsteps and there was no “yes” and “No” in his preaching. If we follow God, we also should not waiver!

God will Help

1 Corinthians 10 (WEB)

¹³ No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (emphasis added)

This is one of the very first things I learned about God. It is true: God will help you to be faithful, because GOD is FAITHFUL.

More than just a concept

Revelation 2 (WEB)

⁸ “To the angel of the assembly in Smyrna write:
“The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life says these things: ⁹ “I know your works, oppression, and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Don’t be afraid of the things which you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested; and you will have oppression for ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life.

(emphasis added)

Being faithful is more than just a concept; it is a way of life, a commitment, a real life decision. The brethren at Smyrna were about to undergo suffering and God reassured them that they would receive a reward in heaven for their faithfulness.

So will we, IF, WE DON'T QUIT!!!