

You are faithful, O God. You are faithful and worthy of praise.

You are compassionate, Father. Even through the night You are near to hear our prayers.

What is it about the night, Lord? Phone rings. Knock at the door. Text come in. Bad news invades with a fury of its own. We are hit with such despair. Yes - there is weeping tonight, and lately, Father God, morning follows with the same dark discouragement. Numbness. Hopelessness. A cry to retreat.

We already surrendered our loved ones to You, Lord. We know it’s not our fight. You call us to be confident in Your victory. It’s just hard to watch those we love lose another skirmish. Another relapse. Another court date. Give us joy, Lord, to greet another morning. Let us love You with all our hearts and be encouraged to persevere. Help us love You with all our souls and be confident in Your sovereignty. Thank You that we can love You with all our strength - and then - we can be fortified by Your mighty strength. You are powerful, Father God!

Thank You, Jesus, that You stand firm and empower us to face these trials fearlessly.

We pray in Your Name ~ Lord Jesus. You are already victorious! ~ Amen and amen!

Did you know that one of the biggest gold deposits that was ever excavated in the U.S. was discovered *two inches* beneath where a previous miner had given up? We make a terrible mistake when we decide to quit because we fear our circumstances will never change. But friend, God has wonderful plans for your future!

I cannot stress enough how important it is to cling to the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength regardless of what happens, with the knowledge that He ultimately provides what is absolutely best for you. The truth of the matter is, sometimes you will not understand why the Father allows certain challenges to touch your life, but with God there is always hope. And there are abundant blessings that you will forfeit if you give in to your discouragement.

Don’t miss out on the good things the Father has for you by submitting to despair. Claim Psalm 30:5. Devote yourself to the Lord. Keep focused on staying in the center of His will and fulfilling His plans for your life, because He will certainly strengthen you to go on. ~ *Charles Stanley*

*Weeping may last for the night,
But a shout of joy comes in the morning.*

~ **Psalm 30:5** ~

*The Lord is faithful and He will strengthen
and protect you from the evil one.*

II Thessalonians 3:3

*And you must love the LORD your God
with all your heart, all your soul,
and all your strength.*

~ **Deuteronomy 6:5** ~

Praise the LORD!

*How joyful are those who fear the LORD
and delight in obeying his commands.
Their children will be successful everywhere;
an entire generation of godly people will be blessed*

~ **Psalm 112:1-2** ~

*They do not fear bad news;
they confidently trust the LORD to care for them.
They are confident and fearless
and can face their foes triumphantly.*

~ **Psalm 112:7-8** ~