

# Passages for Strength

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## **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trouble, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the same comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

## **John 14:1-6**

*“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. You know where I am going, and you know the way.”*

*“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”*

*Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.”*

## **John 14:27**

*Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.*

## **1 Corinthians 10:13**

*No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.*

## **2 Timothy 4:18**

*The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen*

## **1 John 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

## **Psalms 23:2**

*He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters.*

## **Psalms 48:14**

*For this God is our God forever and ever. He will guide us beyond death.*

***Psalm 73:24***

*With your guidance you lead me, and afterward, you will take me to glory.*

***Isaiah 42:16***

*I will lead the blind on a way they do not know. Along paths they do not know I will direct them. Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground. These are the things I will accomplish for them. I will not abandon them.*

***John 16:33***

*I have told you these things, so that you may have peace in me. In this world you are going to have trouble. But be courageous! I have overcome the world.*

***Philippians 4:7***

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

***Psalm 34:7***

*The Angel of the LORD camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.*

***Psalm 91:4***

*With his feathers he will cover you, and under his wings you will find refuge. His truth will be your shield and armor.*

***Luke 21:18***

*But not a hair of your head will perish.*

***Isaiah 40:31***

*But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength. They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles. They will run and not become weary. They will walk and not become tired.*

***Isaiah 41:10***

*Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be overwhelmed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

***Romans 5:1–10***

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.*

*Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.*

*For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person*

who has been good to him. But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

#### **Romans 8:28–39**

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Just as it is written:

*For your sake we are being put to death all day long.  
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **Revelation 21:3–4**

And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, "Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away."

#### **Revelation 7:9–17**

After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. They called out with a loud voice and said:

*Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.*

All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

*Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.*

One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me:

*These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,  
and they serve him day and night in his temple.  
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.  
They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.  
The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.  
He will lead them to springs of living water.  
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

#### ***John 11:25–26***

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”*

#### ***1 Thessalonians 4:13–18***

*We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.*

*In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.*

#### ***1 Peter 1:3–9***

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. Through faith you are being protected by God’s power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.*

*Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

*Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

#### ***Job 19:25–27***

*As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust. Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God. I myself will see him. My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger. My emotions are in turmoil within me.*

**Matthew 5:4**

*Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted.*

**Psalm 27**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?*

*When evildoers advance against me to eat my flesh,  
when my foes and my enemies come against me,  
it is they who will stumble and fall.*

*If an army lines up against me, my heart will not fear.  
If war rises against me, even then I will keep trusting.*

*One thing I ask from the Lord. This is what I seek:  
that I live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,  
and to seek him in his temple.*

*Yes, he will hide me in his shelter on the day of trouble.*

*He will hide me in his tent.*

*He will set me high on a rock.*

*Then my head will be lifted up above the enemies who surround me.*

*I will offer sacrifices at his tent with a joyful shout.*

*I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

*Hear me, O Lord. With my voice I call.*

*Be merciful to me and answer me.*

*When you say, "Seek my face," my heart says to you,*

*"Your face, Lord, I will seek."*

*Do not hide your face from me.*

*Do not turn your servant away in anger.*

*You have been my help.*

*Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.*

*If my father and my mother abandoned me,*

*the Lord would take me in.*

*Lord, teach me your way,  
and lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.*

*Do not give me up to the desire of my foes,  
because false witnesses rise up against me,  
and so do those who breathe out violence.*

*Unless I was confident to see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living—*

*Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart,  
and wait for the Lord!*

**2 Corinthians 4:8–5:9**

*We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.*

*Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak. For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.*

*Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.*

*Now we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven, which is not made by human hands. In fact, the reason we groan is that we long to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. If we do indeed put it on, we will certainly not be found naked. To be sure, while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as the down payment.*

*Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away.*