

Isaiah 40:29–31 (NASB 2020)

29 He gives strength to the weary,  
And to the one who lacks might He increases power.  
30 Though youths grow weary and tired,  
And vigorous young men stumble badly,  
31 Yet those who wait for the LORD  
Will gain new strength;  
They will mount up with wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.



How can we live a life where we don't just become another cautionary tale?  
If we want better answers to life, we have to start asking better questions.

- Facts – Found in the word of God.
- Faith – Faith believes the fact
- Feelings – feelings fall into line. Reverse this order and you become like a ship without an anchor.

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Im blessed. I deserve to be blessed.  
Not gonna feel bad about being blessed.  
Why do you think we talked so much about suffering?  
Some of you have endured so much suffering over the last few years.  
Health, relationships, gossip, haters.

Matthew 5:10 (NASB 2020)

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10:28–31 (NASB 2020)

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and have followed You.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake, <sup>30</sup> but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many *who are* first will be last, and the last, first.”

Its right there in the book.

I got persecutions, and I got blessings.

Jesus is our model and he endured suffering.

Hebrews 4:15–16 (NASB 2020)

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Therefore let’s approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of *our* need.

So its not the temptation that is the sin. That’s the devil.

Talk back to the devil

That voice in your head – clown it

Who wants me to believe this?

Who would benefit from me believing this?

Hebrews 12:2 (NASB 2020)

<sup>2</sup> looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Timothy 2:11–12 (NASB 2020)

<sup>11</sup> The statement is trustworthy:

For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;  
<sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also reign with Him;  
If we deny Him, He will also deny us;

This intercessory suffering that brings breakthrough to the people around you

Paul said

Colossians 1:24 (NASB 2020)

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am supplementing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions in behalf of His body, which is the church.

Matthew 26:26–35 (NASB 2020)

<sup>26</sup> Now while they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." <sup>27</sup> And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup> for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it with you, new, in My Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK WILL BE SCATTERED.' <sup>32</sup> But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup> But Peter replied to Him, "Even if they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away!" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." <sup>35</sup> Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" All the disciples said the same thing as well.