

Being Faithful When You're Tired

"We must do our duty and then leave the event to God." (Matthew Henry) But what do we do when our duty feels like running in wet sand? What do we do when grow tired of "fighting the good fight"? Not that we want to turn to our backs on God, but just that we become weak? When we are weak, God is faithful. He is strong enough to hold us up. When times are hard and we grow tired, we need to hold firmly onto our faith. We need to persevere through the trying times because those are often the moments that God uses us the most.

Perseverance Shows our Faith

Please read Colossians 1:21-23.

According to verse 23, what is the stipulation to our being able to be presented holy in God's sight and "free from accusation"?

How can growing tired of the "fight" possibly lead to losing faith in God's provision?

Please read Romans 12:9-18.

Paul gives us these instructions on how to live our lives for Christ. These qualifications should be our desire and goal. Of all the things listed in these verses, which ones are the easiest for you?

Which ones are the hardest?

“Lacking in zeal” or losing our “spiritual fervor” are the types of ‘tired’ that we must be on guard against. How can these things weaken our faith and compromise our message?

God Never Promised It Would Be Easy...

Just That It Would Be Worth It!

Sometimes we get tired of working hard for the Lord because we forget just how important it is. Satan doesn't want us to continue working diligently for the Lord. He will try to discourage us any way he can, but we need to keep our eyes on God. Life may be hard. We will get tired from time to time, but God is bigger than our problems and stronger than our fears. He can help us through anything that Satan throws at us... if we cling to him and hold tightly onto our faith.

*“Things happen in life that just aren't fair.
Sad things, terrible things, tragic things, horrific things.
It's hard to comprehend the pain we feel.
It's times like this when all we can do is cry with each other,
have faith for each other, and hold onto God with everything that is in us.
We serve a God who loves us, who weeps with us,
and who holds onto us when we lose our grip on Him.”*

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Jesus was very clear that following him would have times of hardship. Look up the following examples and write down the warning Jesus gave or the hardship he warned of.

Scripture	Hardship/Warning/Promise
Matthew 10:17	
Matthew 10:24:9-10	
Mark 13:13	

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.” (Hebrews 6:10-12)

What hope do these verses speak to your heart?

How can faith and patience give us strength to continue to persevere through hard times?

Please read 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

In your own words, what does fighting the good fight look like?

What reward does Paul say awaits him?

Take a few moments to pour your heart out to your God. If you are weary, ask Him to give you strength to press on. If you are strong in your faith and the conviction of your calling, praise Him. Lift up people who may be struggling right now. Ask God to show you how you can encourage others to hold onto their faith and persevere through their feelings of tired.