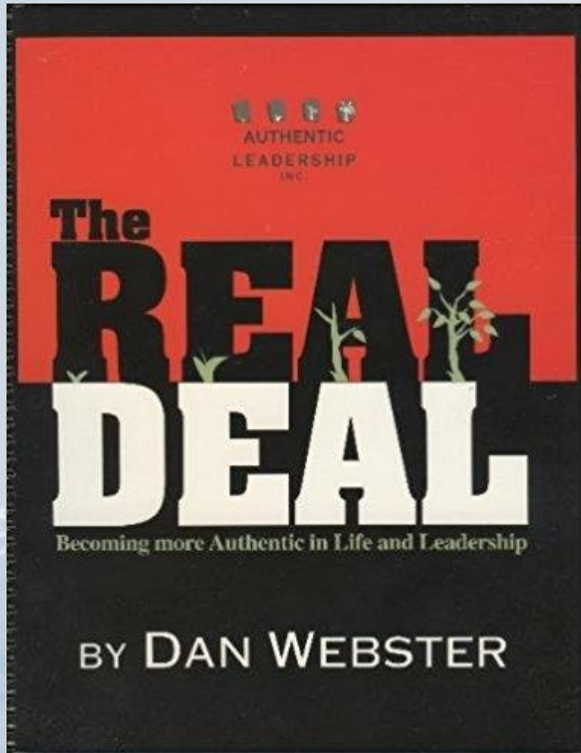


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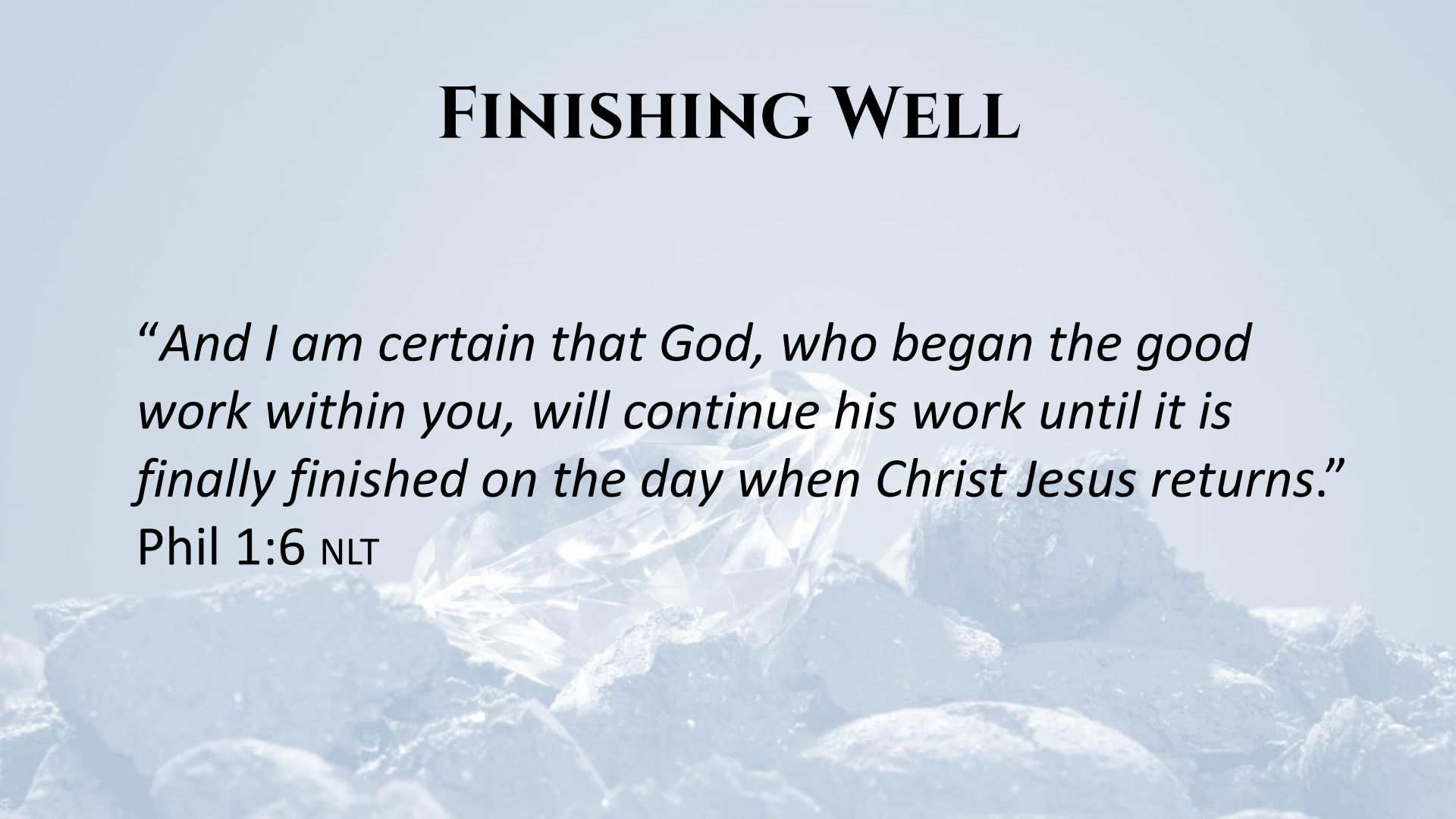
“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.”

2 Tim 4:7 NLT

FINISHING WELL

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

Phil 1:6 NLT

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EMBRACING GOD'S

grace



DEFINING GRACE

Grace is God acting in our life to do what we cannot do on our own.

-- Dallas Willard



DEFINING GRACE

Sustaining Grace is the
power to keep on
going when I feel like
giving up.



EXPERIENCING GRACE

“My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.”

1 Peter 5:12 NLT

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GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

1. Helps me keep standing when I'm tempted

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith.” 1 Peter 5:8 NLT

GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

1. Helps me keep standing when I'm tempted

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." 1 Cor 10:13 NIV

GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

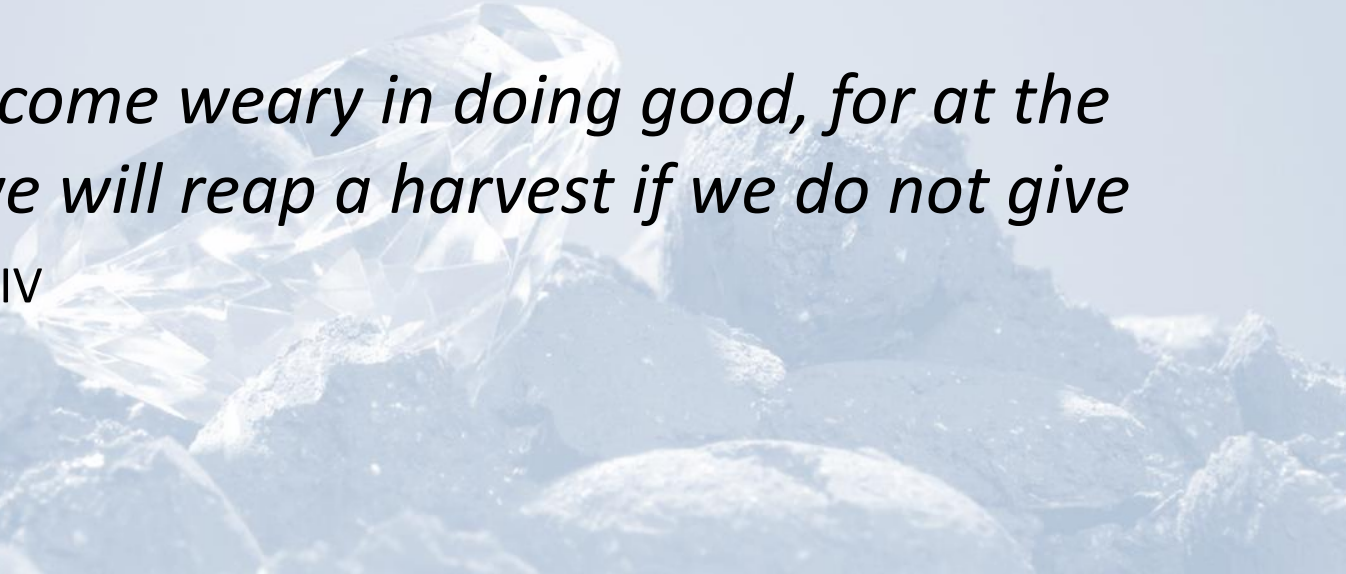
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GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

2. Helps me keep standing when I'm tired

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Gal 6:9 NIV

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GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

2. Helps me keep standing when I'm tired

"It is God who enables us ... to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts..."

2 Cor. 1:21-22 NLT

GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

2. Helps me keep standing when I'm tired

“For God is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose.” Philippians 2:13 PH

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GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

3. Helps me keep standing when I'm troubled



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“So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you.” Isa 41:10 NCV

HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE



God's sustaining grace enables us to face life with absolute confidence that God is watching over us, caring for us and enabling us to trust Him in every circumstance of our lives.

HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE

1. Call out for God's Help

"God gives grace to the humble. So give yourself completely to God...Draw close to God and God will draw close to you."

James 4:6-8 NCV/NLT

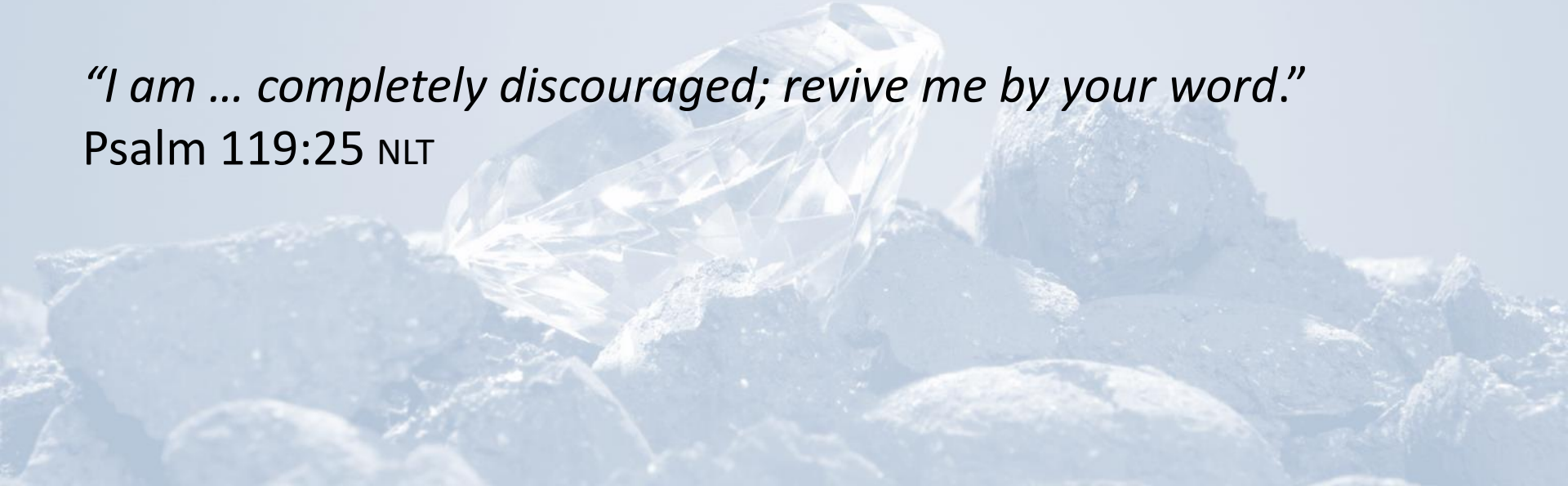
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HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE

2. Fill your mind with God's Word

"I am ... completely discouraged; revive me by your word."

Psalm 119:25 NLT

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HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE

3. Accept support from God's People

"By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2 NCV

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HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE

4. Hold on to God's Promises

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired ... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.”

Isa. 40: 29-32 NIV

PSALM 34 MESSAGE

I bless GOD every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise.

² I live and breathe GOD; if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:

³ Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out.

⁴ GOD met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears.

⁵ Look at him; give him your warmest smile. Never hide your feelings from him.

⁶ When I was desperate, I called out, and GOD got me out of a tight spot.

⁷ GOD's angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray.

PSALM 103:3-5 MESSAGE

He forgives your sins—every one.

He heals your diseases—every one.

He redeems you from hell—saves your life!

He crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown.

He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.

He renews your youth—you're always young in his presence.



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