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What would you lose if you gave up today?

Don't give up, because my worth is not on the outside, it's on the INSIDE

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

Don't give up, because my biggest failure is God's biggest OPPORTUNITY

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed...So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 4:12

Hard-pressed: STRESSED
Perplexed: ANXIOUS
Persecuted: ATTACKED
Struck down: DIAGNOSED

Don't give up, because temporary troubles are not FOREVER

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Don't give up, because God's power is perfect when I'm IMPERFECT

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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