

Rethinking Your Life

Rethinking Discouragement

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I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted. I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; I remember my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: "Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?" **Psalm 77:1-9 NIV**

Defeating Discouragement Means I Must...

1. Remember <u>God's Works</u>

"I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

Psalm 77:11-12, 14 NIV

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **1 John 4:9-10 NIV**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. **Hebrews 13:8 NKJV**

2. Wait On <u>God's Spirit</u>

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1:4-5 KJV

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **Acts 2:1-4 NKJV**

3. Risk It For The Biscuit

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 NKJV

"I have told you this so that through me you may have peace. In the world you'll have trouble, but be courageous—I've overcome the world!" John 16:33 ISV

You are of God, little children, and have overcome him. Because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. **1 John 4:4 DRA**