

BREAKING WALLS DOWN

THE WALL OF 'NEVER ENOUGH'

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For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord . "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope". (Jeremiah 29:11)

The walls of 'never enough'

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

How do we stick to God's plan for our life during difficult seasons

1. Remember God has the best plan for your life (Psalm 91:2-3, Matthew 6:25, Psalm 27)

When we are experiencing tough times and waiting on God to come through for us, during the period of waiting it can seem like we are not important to God. Like He has forgotten us. We need to always remember that we are important to God.

2. Don't give up on God (Isaiah 43:2, Deuteronomy 31:6)

It's easy to get discouraged during difficult seasons, when all of your prayers are going un-answered and the waiting is starting to take a toll.

3. Remember that trouble is our servant (Psalm 34:19, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Job 5:7, 2 Timothy 3:12)

It's important for us as believers to understand that a trouble-free life is unscriptural. We cannot escape adversity, difficult times will come. How we react to our troubles will determine what we get out of them. Trouble needs to serve us and not be our stumbling block.

4. Pray first act later (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Ephesians 6:18)

Don't depend on yesterday's answer to solve today's problem. We need to seek God daily for a fresh word over our lives and any difficulties we are going through. We have to keep praying until we get an answer from God no matter how long it takes.

5. While we are waiting, God is working (1 Corinthians 15:58, Galatians 6:9)

Waiting in life for God to do what He said He will do can be very frustrating. However, we must remember that our waiting for the things of God is not in vain. He will come through.

6. Remember that testing comes before blessing (Zechariah 13:9, 1 Peter 1:6)

As believers the goal of our life should not purely be the acquisition of wealth but the transformation of our life through Jesus Christ. Our lives, our character, our faith, our trust in God should be at a level where it influences the people around us.

Steps we can take to continue to stir our faith and strengthen our trust in God

Faith is the foundation of a believer's life:

- Our faith can't be based on feelings, it must be firmly based on scripture (John 1:12, Rev. 12:10-11, 1 John 1:9)
- We must keep our eyes on God (Hebrews 12:2)
- We must firmly maintain faith unto the fulfilment of the promise (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- Our confession should always be in harmony with God's Word (Hebrews 3:1, 1 John 5:4)

1. Claim His promises over your life (Hebrews 13:5-6, Matthew 6:25-27)

Anyone can trust God when things are going good, but God wants you to trust Him not just in good times but when we are struggling, when we don't see a way out.

Alistair Begg said: *'Money is the universal passport to everywhere except heaven and to everything except happiness. Money can buy you medicine but not health, can buy you companionship but not friends, can buy you a bed but not sleep, can buy you a good life but not eternal life.'*

2. Invest more time alone with God (Isaiah 40:31, Romans 12:12)

To stir and grow our faith and trust in God we need to spend time with alone Him.

3. Remember God's faithfulness and His past blessings (2 Timothy 2:12-13)

Sometimes as believers we struggle to remember God past blessings and victories. We can get so fixated on our present trouble that we forget that God has taken us through difficult struggles in the past.

4. Read and meditate on His Word (Romans 10:17)

To increase our faith and trust in God we need to know His Word not only know it but let me sink into our lives and transform us. The Word of God is there to help us build our faith. If we don't read the Word we will become self-dependent instead of God-dependent.

5. Spend time in church and fellowship with other believers. (Hebrews 10:25)

For the past few Sundays our pastor has been speaking about the church family and the importance of the church family. Spending time with other believers, learning from them, hearing their testimony of how God has come through for them in impossible and difficult situations can help to strengthen our faith because if God can do it for them He can surely do it for me.

6. Focus on what never changes (Psalm 33:11)

When we are going through difficulties, when our lives are being shaken, we need to anchor ourselves to something that is unchangeable, immovable. There are three things that will never change in life: God's love for us, God's Word, and God's plan and purpose for our life.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to stick with God's plans for your life. God has the only plan that is worth following. Stick with church because church is God's plan. God is 100% reliable, 100% of the time. Life is hard but God is good.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. (Philippians 4:6)

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)