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Strength for the Battle

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. ¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

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At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

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2 Timothy 4:7 NKJV

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.

Truth:

In all circumstances I can be content.

Paraphrase:

Paul wants them to know that he's thankful for their concern but that in all situations God gives him strength to face what He's going through.

Question:

What situation challenges me the most?

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD. Forever.



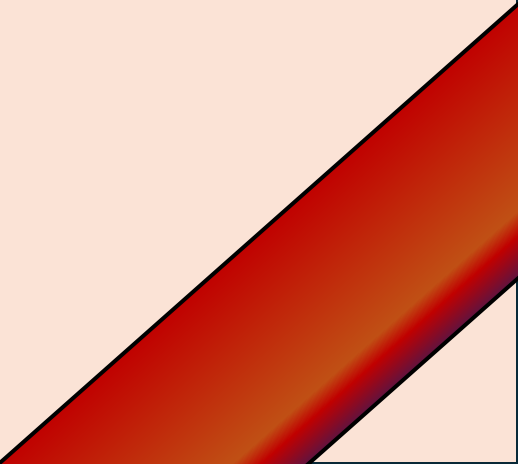
And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Quote:

“When our strength runs out,
God's strength begins.”

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