



NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!

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Psalm 119 ⁸⁰ Make me passionate and wholehearted to fulfill your every wish, so that I'll never have to be ashamed of myself. ⁸¹ I'm lovesick with yearnings for more of your salvation, for my heart is entwined with your Word. ⁸² I'm consumed with longings for your promises, so I ask, "When will they all come true?" TPT

Psalm 105 ¹⁷ He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸ His feet they hurt with shackles; He was put in chains of iron, ¹⁹ Until the time that his word [of prophecy regarding his brothers] came true, The word of the LORD tested and refined him. AMP ¹⁷ Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them—Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸ They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. ¹⁹ Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD tested Joseph's character. NLT ¹⁷ But he had already sent a man ahead of his people to Egypt; it was Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸ His feet were bruised by strong shackles and his soul was held by iron. ¹⁹ God's promise to Joseph purged his character until it was time for his dreams to come true. TPT

James 1 ² My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties, see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! ³ For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up in you the power of endurance. ⁴ And then as your endurance grows even stronger, it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking. ¹² If your faith remains strong, even while surrounded by life's difficulties, you will continue to experience the untold blessings of God! True happiness comes as you pass the test with faith, and receive the victorious crown of life promised to every lover of God! TPT

James 5 ¹⁰ My brothers and sisters, take the prophets as your mentors. They have prophesied in the name of the Lord and it brought them great sufferings, yet they patiently endured. ¹¹ We honor them as our heroes because they remained faithful even while enduring great sufferings. And you have heard of all that Job went through and we can now see that the Lord ultimately treated him with wonderful kindness, revealing how tenderhearted he really is! TPT

Galatians 6 ⁹ And don't allow yourselves to be weary in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you've planted is coming! TPT

Romans 5 ³ But that's not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. ⁴ And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. ⁵ And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us! TPT

Hebrews 6 ¹² So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance. TPT

Hebrews 10 ³⁵ So don't lose your bold, courageous faith, for you are destined for a great reward! ³⁶ You need the strength of endurance to reveal the poetry of God's will and then you receive the promise in full. ³⁷ For soon and very soon, "The One who is appearing will come without delay!" ³⁸ And he also says, "My righteous ones will live from my faith." But if fear holds them back,

my soul is not content with them!”³⁹ But we are certainly not those who are held back by fear and perish; **we are among those who have faith and experience true life!** TPT

Hebrews 12 ²We look away from the natural realm and **we focus our attention and expectation onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith’s perfection.** His example is this: **Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross** and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God! ³ So consider carefully how Jesus faced such intense opposition from sinners who opposed their own souls, so that you won’t become worn down and cave in under life’s pressures. ⁴ After all, you have not yet reached the point of sweating blood in your opposition to sin. TPT

2 Corinthians 4 ⁸ Though we experience every kind of pressure, we’re not crushed. **At times we don’t know what to do, but quitting is not an option.** ¹⁶ So no wonder we don’t give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day. TPT

Philippians 1 ⁶ *I pray with great faith for you*, because I’m fully convinced that the **One who began this gracious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!** TPT

2 Timothy 4 ⁷ I have fought an excellent fight. **I have finished my full course with all my might and I’ve kept my heart full of faith.** TPT

Luke 18 ¹ One day **Jesus taught the apostles to keep praying and never stop or lose hope.** He shared with them this illustration: ² “In a certain town there was a judge, a thick-skinned and godless man who had no fear of others’ opinions. ³ And in the same town there was a poor widow who kept pleading with the judge, ‘Grant me justice and protect me from my oppressor!’ ^{4–5} “He ignored her pleas for quite some time, **but she kept asking.** Eventually he said to himself, ‘This widow keeps annoying me, demanding her rights, and I’m tired of listening to her. Even though I’m not a religious man, and I don’t care about the opinions of others, I’ll get her off my back by answering her claims for justice and I’ll rule in her favor. Then she’ll leave me alone.’” ⁶ Jesus continued, “Did you hear what the godless judge said—that he would answer her persistent request? ⁷ **Don’t you know that God, the true judge, will grant justice to all his chosen ones who cry out to him night and day?** He will pour out his Spirit upon them. He will not delay to answer you and give you what you ask for. ⁸ **God will give swift justice to those who don’t give up. So be ever praying, ever expecting, in the same way as the widow.** Even so, when the Son of Man comes back, will he find this kind of undying faith on earth?” ³⁵ As Jesus and his followers arrived at Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting by the roadside. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd approaching, he asked, “What’s all this commotion about?” ³⁷ “It’s Jesus!” they said. “Jesus the Nazarene is passing by.” ³⁸ The blind beggar shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity and show me mercy!” ³⁹ Those in the front of the crowd scolded him and warned him to be quiet, **but the blind beggar screamed out even louder, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!”** ⁴⁰ Suddenly Jesus stopped and directed those nearby, “Bring the man over to me.” When they brought him before Jesus, he asked the man, ⁴¹ **“What do you want me to do for you?”** “Master,” he said, “please, I want to see.” ⁴² Jesus said, “Now you will see. Receive your sight this moment, **for your faith in me has given you sight and new life.**” ⁴³ Instantly he could see again. His eyes popped open, and he saw Jesus *standing in front of him!* He shouted loud praises to God and he followed Jesus. And when the crowd saw what happened, they too erupted with shouts of praise to God. TPT

Matthew 7 ⁷ “Ask, and the gift is yours. Seek, and you’ll discover. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ **For every persistent one will get what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he longs for. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door.**