



My New Life: Don't Give In

How to Hold on to God's Promises when Life Gets Tough

WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE

Now that you have a new life in Christ we want to encourage you not to give in. Trials and temptations will continue to come and Satan is always active, but you as a child of God, have an Advocate with the Father our Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 2:1). What this now means for you is that you are fighting the battle FROM victory not FOR victory because Jesus has won the battle for us all by dying on the cross for our sins! Having an Advocate means that we have someone who will stand in our defense when we have done wrong. Someone who will speak on behalf of our case.

We still have an enemy that is active and always looking to deceive us (John 8:44). Satan is the father of lies, goes about looking to devour us (1 Peter 5:8). He will even masquerade himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:4). He will try and discourage you and cause you to doubt the very Love that God has demonstrated toward us (Romans 5:8). Don't Give In!

WE HAVE A GREAT SOURCE OF STRENGTH

The greatest way to stay strong in the battle is to know who you are in Christ. You are now a child of God that has been adopted into His family (Ephesians 1:5, Galatians 4:6-7). Because you are a child of God you don't have to live in fear of falling but you can live in the confidence of His unlimited strength and resources for us (2 Timothy 1:7).

Read Psalms 18:1-6 and stand on these promises. He is your strength when you are weak. He is your rock solid foundation when the world is shaking around you. He is your safe place and your deliverer when the enemy attacks. He is always your shield and defense and whenever you cry out to Him, He is there. He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave or forsake you. Don't Give In!

BE PREPARED... WATCH AND PRAY

According to 1 Peter 5:8, what is the strategy of the enemy?

According to Ephesians 1:3-9, what assurances, confidence or promises do you have now as a Child of God?

How can you encourage others not to give in?

GOD SAYS...

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Galatians 4:6-7

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.