

SEPTEMBER 23

**“WHEN TIMES ARE TRYING,
THAT’S NOT THE TIME
TO QUIT TRYING.”**

READ

1 Corinthians 9:24-30, and 10:12-13

When times are trying, that’s not the time to quit trying. I have a little respiratory issue. When it first hits me, my tendency is to get mad, because I hate this. It depletes and debilitates me. I think about the coming Sunday and for a moment, I wonder if I should get somebody to fill in for me. You can be feeling the best you’ve ever felt, and thinking how awesome life is, then suddenly, you can’t breathe. Every time there’s not enough money in the bank, or you get a bad report from the doctor, you want to quit. But don’t! Take one more step, and pray one more prayer. It’s easy to praise Him when you feel great. Today, you feel on top of the world. Don’t be surprised if you get up tomorrow feeling weak and discouraged, because our emotions are like that. “I just don’t feel close to God today. I just don’t know what’s wrong.” Well, there’s nothing wrong. Feelings change. The only thing that stays the same from yesterday to today is the position you have in Christ Jesus. That will never change!

PRAY

Jesus, I won’t quit. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come. Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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