

APRIL 20

“THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GIVING UP AND SURRENDERING.”

READ

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Sometimes we are tired, weary, and just want to stay home under the covers. In that weakness, God gives us strength to not lose heart. Even though our outward man is wearing down, God is building us up on the inside. He is renewing us day by day by His power and grace. Strength in this world is doing something on your own. Christians know we can't do anything on our own without the power of Jesus in us. The physical condition of a person has nothing to do with his faith. Our faith is greater because of the Holy Spirit. We know that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ. What He started in you, He will complete. Some have buried a husband or baby. Others have been through a divorce. But you are raising your hands and praising Jesus. You thought it was over for you. The doctors can't explain it, but here you are — you are strong! We must proclaim to the devil, “Don't laugh too much. I may be down, but I will get back up again.”

PRAY

Lord, I won't quit, I won't give up. But I do surrender to Your will and Your way. Thank You for reminding me that these afflictions are only momentary.

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