

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NOT A PLAYGROUND IT IS A BATTLE GROUND WE ARE SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD
DEFENDING THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL

THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL IS THE DIVINE TRUTH GIVEN TO THE CHURCH IN JUDE 3 JUDE CALLS IT THE FAITH ONCE FOR ALL
DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS

WE DO HAVE AN ENEMY WHOSE DESIRE IS TO DESTROY THE GOSPEL AND THOSE WHO POSSESS THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL
GIVING EVIDENCE TO ITS POWER IN THEIR CHANGED LIVES

V27 CONSISTENCY CONDUCT YOURSELF IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST THE MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON
AGAINST THE ENEMY IS NOT A STIRRING SERMON OR A POWERFUL BOOK IT IS THE CONSISTENT LIFE OF BELIEVERS

WE ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN AND WHILE WE ARE ON EARTH WE OUGHT TO BEHAVE IN A MANNER WORTHY OF OUR
CITIZENSHIP WE OUGHT TO WALK WORTHY OF OUR CALLING EPH 4:1

OUR LIVES ARE TO REFLECT THE LIGHT OF TRUTH 2COR 3:2 LIVING EPISTLES KNOWN AND READ BY ALL MEN THE BEST
LITERATURE IN THE WORLD IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN A GODLY LIFE

STRIVING TOGETHER THE ENEMY WANTS TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER HE WANTS TO DISRUPT UNITY TO DISTRACT US FROM
OUR MISSION AS SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD SPREADING THE GOSPEL FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS

NOT BEING DOUBLE MINDED BUT SINGLE MINDED NOT GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THE OPPOSITION THAT COMES YOUR WAY
AS YOU LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH 2TIM 3:12

V28 CONFIDENCE DON'T BE ALARMED BY YOUR OPPONENTS CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE OUR ENEMY WANTS US TO BELIEVE
THAT OPPOSITION AND SUFFERING SHOULD HAVE NO PART IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN MATT 10:37-38

IT IS A SIGN OF DESTRUCTION FOR THEM AND SALVATION FOR YOU THESE BATTLES ARE PROOF OF SALVATION AND THAT
TOO IS FROM GOD OUR TRIALS REVEAL WHO WE REALLY ARE

V29 YOU WERE GRANTED FAITH NOT ONLY TO BELIEVE BUT TO SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SUFFER FOR THE
CAUSE OF CHRIST LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS FOR WHILE WE WERE ENEMIES OF CHRIST HE DIED
FOR US 1 PETER 2:21-25

LIKE CHRIST YOU WERE CALLED TO SUFFER ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD 1 PETER 4:12-19 ENTRUSTING YOUR SOUL TO A
FAITHFUL CREATOR IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT

V30 EXPERIENCING THE SAME CONFLICT YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN THE BATTLE GOD USES TRUTH AND TRIALS TO GROW US
SPIRITUALLY OUR TRIALS DRAW US CLOSER TO CHRIST AND TO EACH OTHER OUR ENEMY WANTS TO CAUSE CONFLICT TO
DIVIDE US AND GOD USES IT FOR OUR GOOD ROM 8:28

THE SUFFERING GOD ALLOWS IN OUR LIVES IS FOR OUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY

1PETER 5:6-11 HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD HE CARES FOR YOU AFTER YOU HAVE SUFFERED FOR A
LITTLE WHILE THE GOD OF ALL GRACE WHO CALLED YOU TO HIS ETERNAL GLORY IN CHRIST WILL HIMSELF PERFECT CONFIRM
AND ESTABLISH YOU

WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP OUR SUFFERING AS CHRISTIANS LIKE PAUL'S IS BY DIVINE DESIGN TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSE
IN US AND THROUGH US FOR OUR JOY AND HIS GLORY

JAMES 1:2-8 MAKES THIS PERFECTLY CLEAR WE MUST BE SINGLE MINDED WHEN WE FACE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES