

The Remedy for Discouragement

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GOD IN PARENTHESIS

Jesus invited us to share His relationship with His Father. The New Testament writers, inspired by the Holy Spirit, made word sketches when they spoke of God the Father. When the words; "God" or "Father" are used, they are often followed by parenthesis describing Him. The following are a few examples of this. They are a good resource for study and meditation. He is the God who...

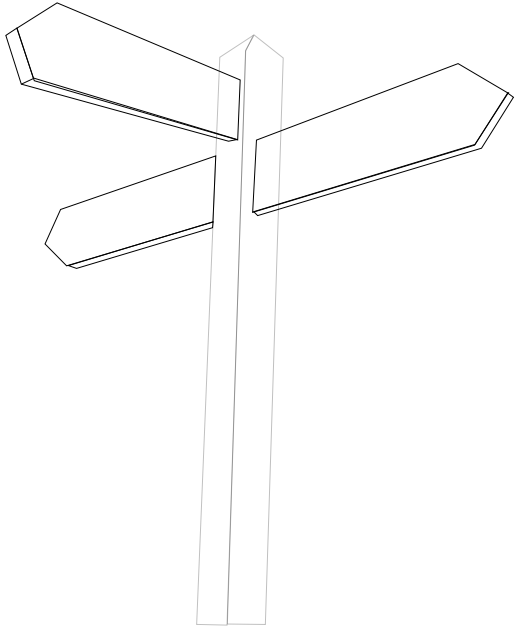
DOES NOT CHANGE	James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
GIVES GOOD HOPE AND ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT	2 Th 2:16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,
GIVES LIFE TO THE DEAD, CALLS THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS IF THEY WERE	Rom 4:17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.
ENDURANCE + ENCOURAGEMENT	Rom 15:5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,
IS THE FATHER OF COMPASSION AND THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT	2 Cor 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
RAISES THE DEAD	2 Cor 1:9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.
LEADS US TRIUMPHANTLY	2 Cor 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.
COMFORTS THE DOWNCAST	2 Cor 7:6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus
GIVES US EVERY BLESSING	Eph 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
IS RICH IN MERCY	Eph 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, Eph 2:5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions
PROVIDES FOR OUR ENJOYMENT	1 Tim 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
GIVES GENEROUSLY WITHOUT FINDING FAULT	James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
IS THE GOD OF ALL GRACE - WHO CALLS US TO ETERNAL GLORY	1 Pet 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast

Discouragement is the act of trying to make someone not want to do something. - Collins English Dictionary

1. to deprive of courage, hope, or confidence; dishearten
2. to advise or persuade (a person) to refrain
3. to prevent or try to prevent by disapproving or raising objections or obstacles - Webster's New World College Dictionary

**"My dad says 100 percent of the shots you
don't take - don't go in."
- Wayne Gretzky**

**"You miss 100% of the hoops you don't
shoot for "
- Michael Jordan**



**If problems are signposts
- what is discouragement
pointing out?**

I'm focused in the wrong place

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-12

11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. 13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-12

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

Myopic vision (myopia) - Nearsightedness, or myopia, as it is medically termed, is a vision condition in which people can see close objects clearly, but objects farther away appear blurred

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

2 PETER 1:8 - 9

I'm listening to the wrong voice

3 But Zerubbabel, Joshua and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel answered, "You have no part with us in building a temple to our God. We alone will build it for the Lord, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia, commanded us."4 Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building. 5 They bribed officials to work against them and frustrate their plans . . .

EZRA 4:3 - 5

9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." 10 One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, "Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you —by night they are coming to kill you."

NEHEMIAH 6:9-13

11 But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" 12 I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

NEHEMIAH 6:9-13

I'm remembering the wrong details

5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. 6 My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

PSALM 42:3-5

Declare war on discouragement

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

1 Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

JOSHUA 1:9, 8:1

Choose to encourage

1 Cor 14:31 prophesy . . .that all may lbe encouraged.

2 Cor 13:11 encourage one another, be of one mind

1 Thess 4:18 Therefore encourage one another

1 Thess 5:11 encourage one another and build each other up

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another daily

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.

PSALM 27:13 NKJV

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