

## Is Your Going Rough and Tough? Chin Up ... Just Look Up!

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Rom 8:35-39      <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: “*For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*”

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Phil 4:13      I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

### Introduction

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2 Cor 5:14 KJV      For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

#### 1. There are trusts pinned on us, and God is counting on that

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2 Chr 16:9      For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

Zech 4:10      For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.”

1 Cor 4:5      Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

#### 2. There is the witness, testimony, and self-respect in us that need to be considered

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Matt 5:13-15      <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.

Acts 3:19      Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

### 3. There is a serious accountability, and consequences that follow

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- Rom 14:12      So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.
- 1 Pet 4:4-5      <sup>4</sup> In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*. <sup>5</sup> They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
- Ezek 3:17-21    <sup>17</sup> “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: <sup>18</sup> When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>19</sup> Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.
- <sup>20</sup> “Again, when a righteous *man* turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless if you warn the righteous *man* that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.”
- 2 Cor 12:9      And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

#### Conclusion

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- Gal 6:9      And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
- Matt 21:21      So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.