



THE IRONY OF GOD'S POWER!

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2 Corinthians 13:4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

Hebrews 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, **out of weakness were made strong**, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

**Proverbs 25:15...a soft
tongue breaketh the
bone.**

**John 11:21 Then said
Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if
thou hadst been here, my
brother had not died.**

Luke 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

M.R. DeHaan, *Broken Things*:

"Each time I have passed through the dark vale of disappointment and have cried in agony, 'Oh why, why must this be?' God has always led me out of the gloom into a greater light...into a larger place."

"Yet the average believer goes through life without letting the power flow out."

"The things we thought were the greatest trials and tragedies we later find to be God's way of bringing us something better."

**Genesis 15:1 After these things
the word of the LORD came
unto Abram in a vision, saying,
Fear not, Abram: I am thy
shield, and thy exceeding great
reward.**

Genesis 15:7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, LORD God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Luke 8:5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

Judges 20:26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

Luke 17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

**2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all
that will live godly in Christ
Jesus shall suffer
persecution.**

**Proverbs 24:16 For a just man
falleth seven times, and riseth
up again: but the wicked shall
fall into mischief.**

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

**Psalms 35:21 Yea, they
opened their mouth wide
against me, and said, Aha,
aha, our eye hath seen it.**

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

**Philippians 1:12 But I would ye
should understand, brethren, that
the things which happened unto me
have fallen out rather unto the
furtherance of the gospel;**

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.