

**And should the fire that once burned bright Become an ember my eyes can't see
I will remember Your sacrifice I will abide in Your love for me**

Do you think you will ever get discouraged? Do you think you will ever wonder if it is worth following Jesus? Do you think you are too spiritual to ever get discouraged or wonder if He is worth it?

Would you like to be as spiritual as people in the Bible? People who believed and did amazing things?

How many of you want a Biblical marriage? Like who's? Abraham? David?

when your spouse looks at you and says they don't know if they can keep doing this, they did not sign up for a life like this when they married. David's wife did the same thing!!

2 Sam 6:16 As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.

She was still more Saul's daughter than she was David's wife.
Isaac? Ananias and Sapphira?!

It would be easier to find someone who did NOT get discouraged than the other way around!!! Don't know of too many. Daniel might be an example.

Name me someone who did NOT get discouraged. Now name someone who DID get discouraged. Name someone who DID quit ministry (or got fired). Is there anyone in the Bible who at least tendered their resignation or got fired?

Amos 7:12-13 And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Jonah 4:2 That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

Jonah 4:4 And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Hab 2:1 I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

Jason referenced Asaph yesterday. He got discouraged!! **Ps 73:2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.**

Ps 73:3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

"It's just not fair!!" Like what Shekinah said this morning. But Jesus never said He is "fair." He said He is "good!" And it was when my 3 year old was lying in a hospital bed not knowing if he was going to live or die that the only verse I could get was **Ps 119:68, AND I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE GOD WAS BEING TOO GOOD THEN!!!** And then I read the rest of the verse.

1 Kings 19:4 And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

Did he REALLY want to die?!? If he had REALLY wanted to die, what would he have needed to do? STAY HOME!!

1 Kings 19:13 "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1 Kings 19:15 "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazeel to be king over Syria.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Isa 49:3-4 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

Isaiah felt like those guys in **Luke 5:5 we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything**

Jeremiah preached for 30 years AND NEVER HAD A SINGLE CONVERT!!! What would you do? What he did?!?
Jer 20:7 O Lord, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed.

And Isaiah, having complained about the work load and asking for some time off was told **Isa 49:6 "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."**

Moses **Num 11:11-15 He asked the Lord, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? 13 Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' 14 I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now — if I have found favor in your eyes — and do not let me face my own ruin."**

JTB **Luke 7:19 "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"**

Jesus? **Matt 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."**

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN THE HARD TIMES COME?!?!?! BECAUSE THEY WILL!!! You better have enough oil in your lamp to make it through to the end and the ONLY way to get oil is by SPEND TIME WITH JESUS!!

Have had a lot of people call me on Sunday night saying they are quitting. My response has been, "Ok. You go ahead and quit tonight. . . but let's get back to work tomorrow morning because you CAN'T quit because I am with you. . ."

In the US, 90% of people who start in ministry with they are 20 have quit by the time they are 60.
95% of people who start in ministry with the are 20 have quit by the time they are 65.

Only 5% of people who start in ministry end in ministry. **THAT IS TERRIBLE!!!**

DON'T QUIT!!! IF YOU QUIT YOU WON'T WIN, BUT IF YOU DON'T QUIT YOU JUST MIGHT WIN THE RACE!!! DON'T QUIT!! All that matters is to hear, well done. . . enter in. . .

**Oh, what a wonderful day to come When every knee bows before Your name
But we will not wait until it does For here and now shall Your Kingdom reign**

JTB preaching to them by the Jordan and they thought they had I made because they were the ELECT group. They

were IMPORTANT. They were TALENTED. They were INDISPENSABLE. THEY COULD NOT BE REPLACED!!! They were the best worship leaders this church has ever seen!!!!

Matt 3:9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Do you think those were pretty stones? Were they worked? Were they carved? Were they jewels? WERE THEY AVAILABLE?!?!?

So here is what God is going to use. He is GOING to use stones!! He will either use the altar of broken stones which WE are, or He will use the stones on the side of the road.

Why not we be the altar of broken stones.

And here is the cool thing!! There is coming a day when EVERY knee WILL bow and EVERY tongue WILL confess. Won't it be cool when everyone else is just learning to play their instrument. . . that you have been practicing for a lifetime?!? And you are ready to go!!

In heaven, there won't be anymore speaking in tongues	but there will be worship.
In heaven, there won't be witnessing ANYMORE!!! Better do it now!!	But there will be worship.
In heaven, there won't be anymore miracles	But there will be worship.
IN HEAVEN, THERE WON'T BE ANYMORE PREACHING!!!	BUT THERE WILL BE WORSHIP!!

I AM GOING TO BE OUT OF A JOB!!!! BUT YOURS WILL BE JUST BEGINNING!!!

Rev 5:11-14 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard EVERY CREATURE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH . . . saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Rev 19:6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

and not one time does it say who led, or how they sounded, or how they looked, or if they sounded like Bono because then, AS NOW!! . . . IT IS NOT ABOUT YOU!!! IT IS NOT ABOUT THE WORSHIP TEAM!!! IT IS NOT ABOUT THE BROKEN STONES!!! IT IS ABOUT THE OFFERING!!

Tell people regularly, 3 things that will destroy a ministry: what are they?
Money, sexual impropriety and PRIDE.

1 Cor 1:28-29 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

Oh God, we want to be a pure offering.

Have you been walking with a little bit more pride than you should be? There is nothing that will ruin a person quite like ability.