

Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

~Hebrews 12:1

Not everyone who calls out to me, "Lord, Lord!" will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

~Matthew 7:21

The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

~Matthew 7:13-14

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.

~2 Peter 1:10

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God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

~Ephesians 2:8-9

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I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

~Romans 7:18-19

Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 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.

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- III. Stay **CALM** if you have a moment of **DOUBT**.

I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.

~Psalm 40:1-3

