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"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God."

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"Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God... We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God."

—A.W. Tozer

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"God helps those who help themselves." —Hezekiah 4:3

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For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

—2 Thessalonians 3:10 ESV

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else."

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"When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it." —Dr. Adrian Rogers

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7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

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God does not help those who help themselves. God helps those who humble themselves.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

It is a great delusion to think

that God thinks like we think.

⁹For as the heavens are higher

than the earth, so are my ways

higher than your ways and my

thoughts than your thoughts.

—Isaiah 55:7-9 ESV

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9Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

11To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. —1 Peter 5:6-11 ESV

What about those who are...

Crippled by Suffering?

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BThree times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

—2 Corinthians 12:8-10

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"The weaker a vessel, the more clearly God's grace shines forth."
—John MacArthur

What about those who are...

Exhausted in Strength?

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120 our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us.
We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you...

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15And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.'"

—2 Chronicles 20:12, 15 ESV

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...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. —Isaiah 40:31 ESV

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What about those who are...

Limited in Service?

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What about those who are...

Dead in Sins?

There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many? —John 6:9 ESV

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¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

---Ephesians 2:1-2 ESV

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⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved——Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV

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⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. —Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

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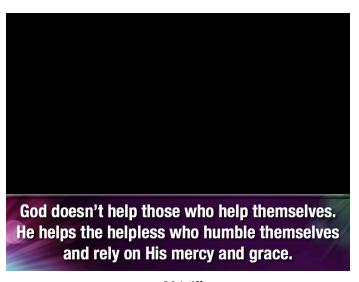
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Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you."

-Matthew 21:31 ESV

"Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve. Mercy is shielding us from what we do deserve."

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