

"WHILE MOST OF US THINK OF INFLUENCE AS BEING THE REFLECTION OF OUR STRENGTHS, THE TRUTH IS, ONE OF YOUR MOST POWERFUL SOURCES OF INFLUENCE IS YOUR WEAKNESS AND STRUGGLE."

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"THE MYSTERY OF HUMAN SUFFERING WILL NOT BE SOLVED COMPLETELY IN THIS LIFE. SOMETIMES WE SUFFER SIMPLY BECAUSE WE ARE HUMAN. OUR BODIES CHANGE AS WE GROW OLDER, AND WE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE NORMAL PROBLEMS IN LIFE. THE SAME BODY THAT CAN BRING US PLEASURE CAN ALSO BRING US PAINS. THE SAME FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THAT DELIGHT US CAN ALSO BEAK OUR HEARTS. THIS IS PART OF THE 'HUMAN COMEDY,' AND THE ONLY WAY TO ESCAPE IS TO BE LESS THAN HUMAN." —WARREN WIERSBE

750 TO KEEP ME FROM BECOMING CONCEITED BECAUSE
OF THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF THE REVELATIONS,
A THORN WAS GIVEN ME IN THE FLESH, A MESSENGER OF SATAN
TO HARASS ME, TO KEEP ME FROM BECOMING CONCEITED.

\$THREE 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. 19FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST, THEN, I AM CONTENT WITH
WEAKNESSES, INSULTS, HARDSHIPS, PERSECUTIONS, AND CALAMITIES.
FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.—2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

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I. THERE ARE TREASURES TO BE MINED IN THE TRIALS WE FACE

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"PAIN INSISTS UPON BEING ATTENDED TO. GOD WHISPERS TO US IN OUR PLEASURES, SPEAKS IN OUR CONSCIENCE, BUT SHOUTS IN OUR PAIN: IT IS HIS MEGAPHONE TO ROUSE A DEAF WORLD." —C.S. LEWIS

²COUNT IT ALL JOY, MY BROTHERS, WHEN YOU MEET TRIALS OF VARIOUS KINDS,

³FOR YOU KNOW THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES

STEADFASTNESS. ⁴AND LET STEADFASTNESS HAVE ITS FULL EFFECT, THAT YOU

MAY BE PERFECT AND COMPLETE, LACKING IN NOTHING. —JAMES 1:2-4

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"IF YOU WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT, START WITH YOURSELF." —JOHN MAXWELL "PEOPLE CHANGE WHEN THEY HURT ENOUGH THEY HAVE TO...
WHEN THEY LEARN ENOUGH THEY WANT TO...OR WHEN
THEY RECEIVE ENOUGH THEY ARE ABLE TO." —JOHN MAXWELL

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FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS."
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2. THERE ARE STORIES IN YOUR STRUGGLES THAT WOULD NEVER BE HEARD THROUGH MY SERMONS

"MEN THROW BROKEN THINGS AWAY,
BUT GOD NEVER USES ANYTHING UNTIL HE FIRST BREAKS IT."

—ADRIAN ROGERS

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"RESOLVE THAT YOU WILL NOT MAINTAIN A VICTIM MIND-SET, PASSIVELY ACCEPTING THE VERSION OF YOURSELF THAT YOU HAVE CREATED OVER THE YEARS—OR THAT OTHERS HAVE INFLUENCED YOU TO BE. CHOOSE TO BECOME THE PERSON YOU HOPE TO INFLUENCE OTHERS TO BE." —STAN TOLER



3. YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR PAST, BUT YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE AND REIGNITE YOUR PURPOSE "GETTING OVER A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE IS MUCH LIKE CROSSING MONKEY BARS. YOU HAVE TO LET GO AT SOME POINT IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD." —C.S. LEWIS

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR THINKING, YOU CHANGE YOUR BELIEFS.

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR BELIEFS, YOU CHANGE YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR EXPECTATIONS, YOU CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE.

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE, YOU CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOR.

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOR, YOU CHANGE YOUR PERFORMANCE.

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR PERFORMANCE,
YOU CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

-JOHN MAXWELL

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"PEOPLE OFTEN SAY MOTIVATION DOESN'T LAST.

NEITHER DOES BATHING—THAT'S WHY WE RECOMMEND IT DAILY."

—ZIG ZIGLAR

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4. YOUR GREATEST INFLUENCE MAY COME THROUGH YOUR GREATEST INJURY

"THE BIGGEST TAKE AWAY FROM THAT MORNING WAS THIS:
THE WORST AND MOST PAINFUL THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED
TO ME IS HONESTLY THE BEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED
TO ME. THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND
CONVERSATIONS THAT I HAVE HAD, SOLELY DUE TO MY
ARMLESSNESS. PEOPLE SEE MY DIFFERENCE AND
THEY VERY QUICKLY PERCEIVE ALL THE EMOTIONAL PAIN
THAT CAME WITH IT. MANY PEOPLE CAN BURY THEIR PAIN
OR MASK IT, BUT MY HEARTACHE IS WRITTEN ALL OVER
MY TWO EMPTY SLEEVES. THOSE SLEEVES TELL THE WHOLE STORY
WITHOUT MY MOUTH EVER SAYING A WORD." —DANIEL RITCHIE