

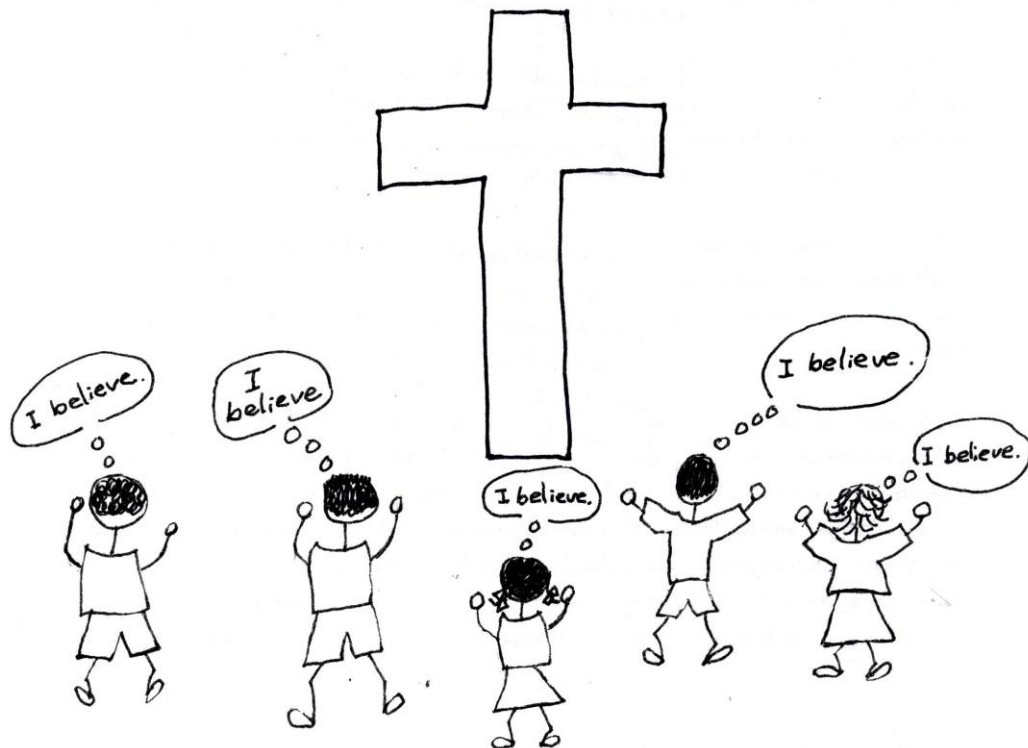
# Face Your Challenges Head On

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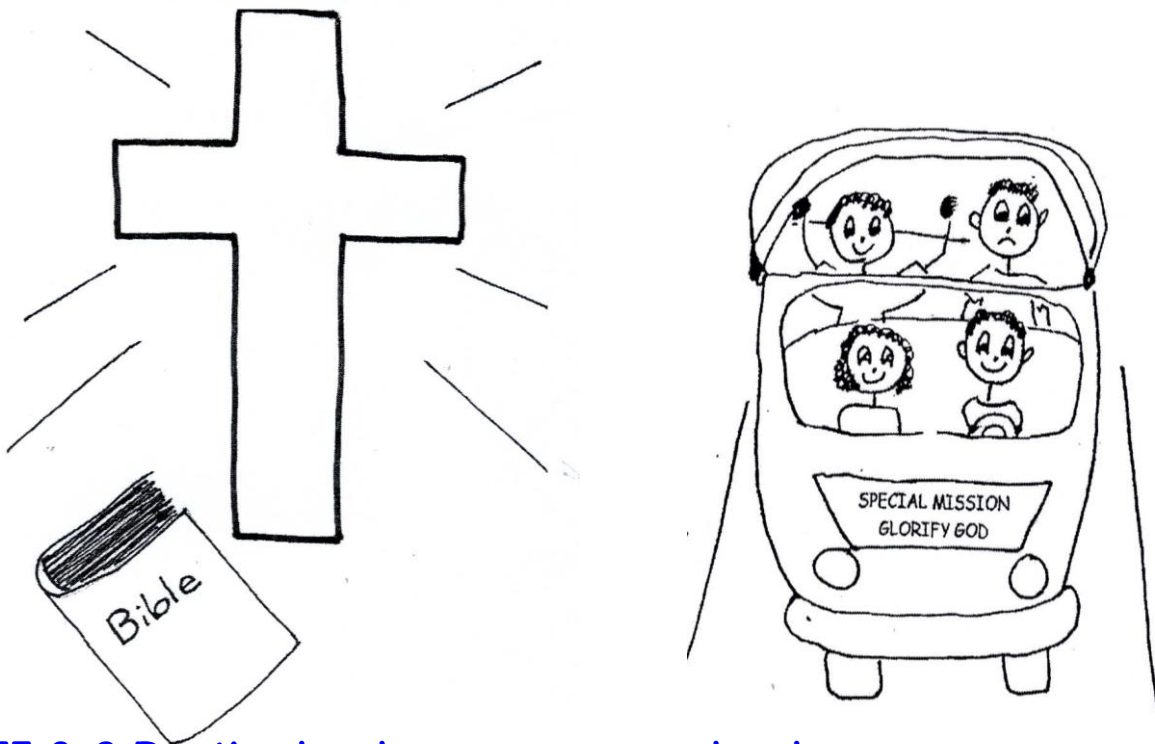


Isaiah 30:18 And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness [grace] to you.

Now who in his right mind doesn't want the Lord to be gracious to him? Jesus Christ's work on the cross made it possible for God to treat us with grace. All we have to do is believe that Jesus Christ paid the price for all of our sins while He was on the cross. They've all been forgiven by God the Father! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! He is victorious! Sin is not the issue! The issue is "what do we think of Jesus Christ?" Once we believe in Him, the issues are the word of God and the Holy Spirit controlling our thinking.

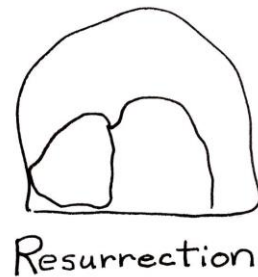


We always have our flesh, the world, and Satan lying to us and trying to keep us away from God's love and viewpoint. If we choose to stand strong and fight the good fight of faith using God's supernatural power, it will be possible for us to overcome our problems and difficulties. If not, we'll lose the battle. How do we stand strong? We stand strong through the power of God the Holy Spirit and God's word, His thinking. God the Holy Spirit will battle our flesh; He'll give us His power to keep thinking divine viewpoint so we don't get caught up in the lies of the world and Satan. God will be fighting our battles for us! We'll be living in God's victory! The choice is ours!

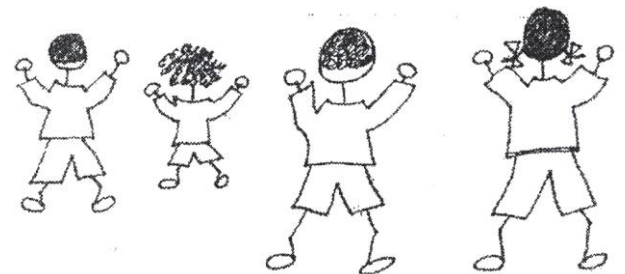


**Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

To live in God's victory means we face our challenges head on through the power of God the Holy Spirit; we deal with them directly and don't hide from them. We're not going to learn lessons God wants us to know if we are running around and avoiding the real problems in our lives. In fact, the problems we run away from will return! If we face our problems head on, we will see our problems turn into opportunities - opportunities to **see God's power work for us!** God will fight our battles for us. He will take care of our problems! God will have the victory and make us victorious! We'll be able to receive God's best! God will take us from victory to victory!

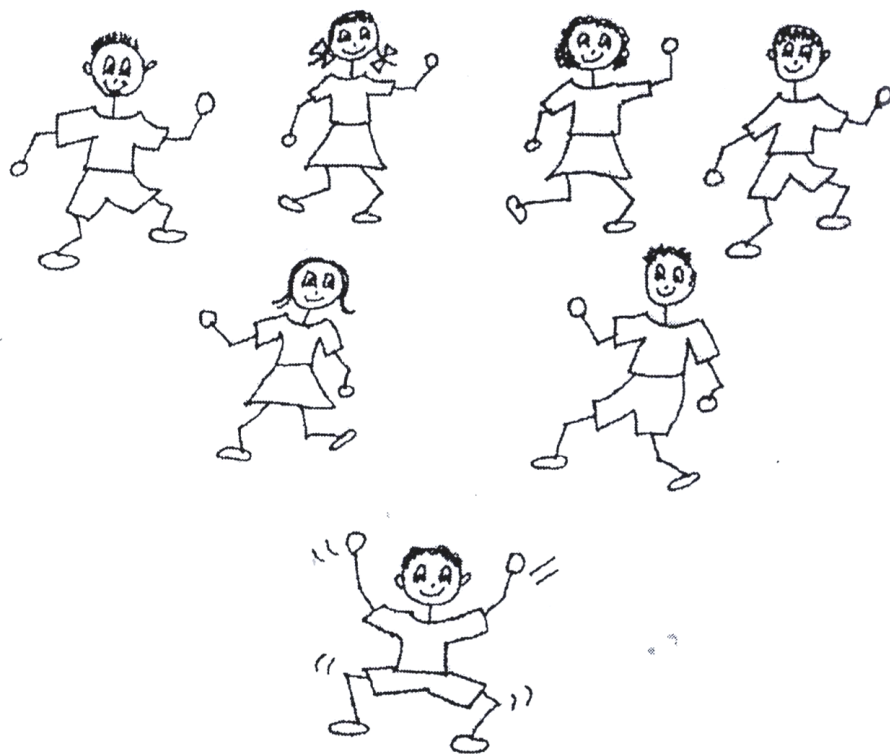


Deuteronomy 20:4 For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."



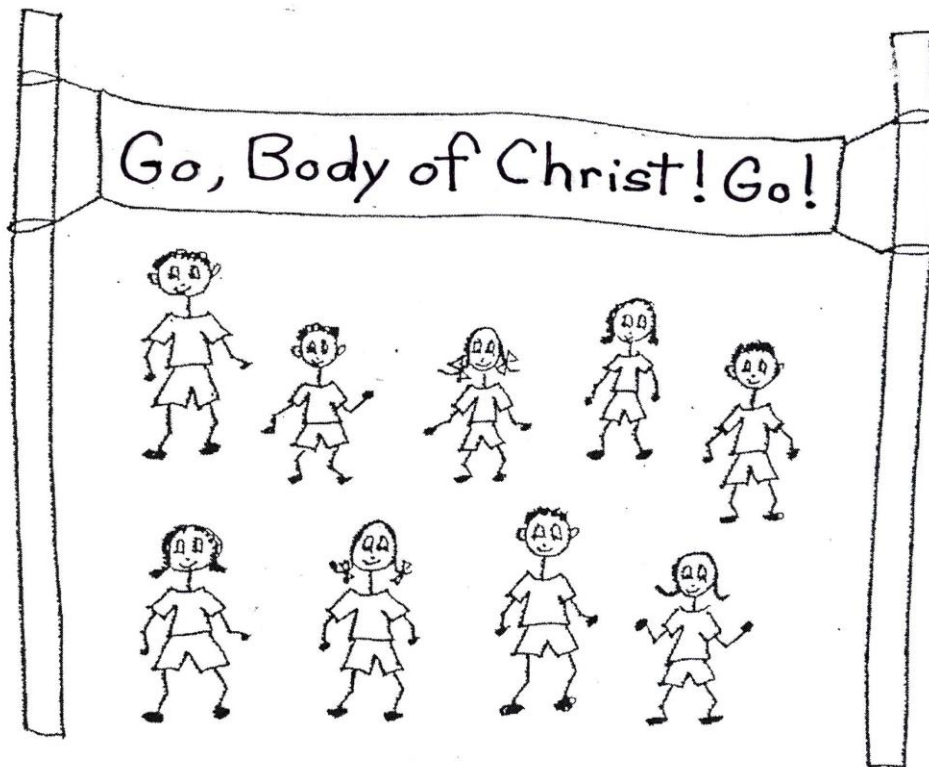
1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, who doesn't want God's best? I don't think anyone will say, "I don't." However, that is what we are saying when we don't learn, believe, and use the word of God. We have God the Holy Spirit inside of us. If we say "yes" to His teaching us the word, He will give us the supernatural power and thinking we need! God will allow challenges to be in our paths so we can grow spiritually. He wants us to take steps of faith, trust in Him, and stand strong against our flesh, the world, and Satan. **We need the supernatural power of God the Holy Spirit and the word of God to do this.** God wants us to have His best!



Psalm 23:6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

God doesn't want us to be spiritually weak! He wants us to stand up against our enemies using **His** power. When we don't, we'll receive the results of our negative decisions! Just think about it - **we have available the power of God!** What's your choice? Are you going to face your challenges using God's power and have Him fight your battles? Or are you going to use your power and run away from your challenges?



**Romans 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?



Are we willing to go out of our comfort zone and face the challenges of the spiritual life? Will we accept God's grace? We have God the Holy Spirit inside of us fighting our battles for us. We have supernatural power available to get us through our challenges. Let's not let the enemy deceive us and get us to run away from them. God will help us to overcome them! Let's rest in God's comfort and use His power! When we face our challenges head on with God's power, He will take us to new levels of His victory! It's definitely worth stepping out of our comfort zones and into the comfort zone **God made** for each one of us!



**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our afflictions so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**