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“Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

“When you are so weak that you cannot do much more than cry, you coin diamonds with both your eyes. The sweetest prayers God ever hears are the groans and sighs of those who have no hope in anything but his love.” —C. H. Spurgeon, “The Cast-off Girdle”

Sometimes we fall so low that the only way left is up. Have you ever “hit bottom” and found the Lord there? That is what happened to David. After months in enemy territory, after lies and bloodshed, after his town is burned down and his wives taken captive, after his men are ready to stone him, we get a pivotal word—but. “But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God” (verse 6). In that desperate and crucial moment, David found strength in nothing else but his God. God was all he had left. When all you have left is God, that’s when you discover that God is more than enough. David remembered whose he was! He asked the priest to bring the ephod, which was attached to the breastplate that contained the Urim and Thummim, a divinely appointed way of communication between God and His people (see Exodus 28:30; Numbers 27:21). He inquired of the Lord: “‘Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?’ And He [the LORD] said to him, ‘Pursue, for you will surely overtake them, and you will surely rescue all.’ So David went” (1 Samuel 30:8, 9).

God gave him a pre-assurance of victory. And though we don’t have an ephod with a Urim and Thummim, I believe that, as children of God, we all have the assurance that, when we are following God’s revealed word, the outcome is in His hands, whether or not we understand His purposes...

God has already secured the victory for us who are weak and exhausted. So, when you are weary, go to Him. He will give you true rest.

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