#1 – God will see you through
Isaiah 43:2
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

God never said the rivers wouldn’t rise or the flames of the fire blaze. What He did promise is that He would be with you through it all protecting and guiding you. God’s plans for you are eternal plans, not temporary. He’s in it with you for the long haul and He will see you through until you are standing face to face with Him in heaven.

#2 – God sees your struggle
Romans 5:3-4
And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

The Lord your God is not blind to your struggles, but He is allowing His character to mature in you. He wants you strong and mighty with your confidence resting only in Him. If an athlete never exercised their physical body, they would not be able to endure the competition. God may be allowing this time in your life to develop your spirit so that you may run the race with perseverance, Godly character and an everlasting hope. Keep your eyes on the prize and press on toward the goal. You are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses cheering you into heaven!

2 Corinthians 4:17
For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

#3 – Need to make a decision
Isaiah 30:21
Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

You may have a decision to make. You may have even found yourself at a cross road. If you ask the Lord to direct your steps, He will surely lend His ear and show you the way in which you should go. Trust Jesus and follow in His ways and He will make your paths straight. You are never too far from God for Him to reach out and touch you.

Isaiah 59:1
Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

#4 – We all stumble and fall
Psalm 37:23-24
The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand.

Everyone stumbles in life. We may even fall. Human beings simply are not perfect. But the Lord would want you to know that even if you have stumbled, even if you have fallen down or fallen away from Him, He is there with His right hand wanting to hold you up. He will never allow you to be cast down or cast away from Him. Allow God to order your steps and He will delight in you! If you should stumble, he delights in holding you until you have returned to His path. Plain and simple….He loves you with an everlasting love! He wants only the best for you!

#5 – Troubles or fear
Romans 8:31
What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Psalm 43:5
Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

If the God of the universe and Lord of your heart is on your side, who should you be afraid of? Who could possibly stand against you and prevail? He is the beginning and the end of all. Who do you supposed has the final say in your situation? Things may not look the way you want them to, but look exactly how He is allowing them to look in order to accomplish His perfect will. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. He sees it all. You only have a small window view. Rest in His peace today.

John 14:27
Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

#6 – God’s provision
2 Corinthians 9:8
And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

God’s grace is all we need to accomplish the good works He has ordained for us to do. Do you think anything is too big for God? He is able to do far more than we could ever imagine. He isn’t tied to worldly treasure or power. He holds the Kingdom of Heaven! He will accomplish great and mighty things through His Spirit. Ask Him what He wants you to do and ask Him for what you need to accomplish it. Then sit back and watch in great expectancy!

Zechariah 4:6
So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

Psalm 62:5
My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.
#7 – Believe God

Mark 9:23
Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

Do you believe God is Who He says He is? Do you believe He can do what He says He can do? Do you believe that you are a child of God with every right to come boldly before His throne and ask for what you need or lay your burdens at His feet? You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you! (Phil 4:13). And He is able to do exceedingly more than you ever imagined! Have faith today and believe.

Deuteronomy 29:9
There fore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

1 John 5:14-15
Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

#8 – You are God’s temple

1 Corinthians 3:16
Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
The moment you believe Jesus is the Son of the Living God, born of a virgin, died for your sins and rose again; the moment you received Him as the Lord and Savior of your life; your spirit was awakened and inhabited by the Holy Spirit. He is the third person of the holy trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. God not only is among you; He dwells IN you. A place that God inhabits is His temple; therefore You are a holy dwelling place of the Lord! “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

John 14:16-17
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

#9 – Fear

2 Timothy 1:7
For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Philippians 4:6-7
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

God is not the author of fear. That title belongs to an adversary who only wants to steal, kill, and destroy with the goal of pulling you away from the Father. Jesus came so that you would have life and have it to the fullest! (John 10:10) Be strong and courageous because the Lord your God is with you always (Deuteronomy 31:6). If you are afraid, call on the Lord Jesus for His peace and protection. He will guard your heart and your mind.

Psalm 61:2-4
From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.

#10 - Salvation

John 3:16
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Do you believe today? Do you want to believe? It begins with a simple prayer:

God, I want to admit to You that I haven’t always done things the way You would like to see me do them. At times I have done things that I knew to be very wrong. I understand this is sin to You and I want to say I’m sorry for every time I have chosen my way, or my own will opposed to Yours. I know now that those choices have only put more space between You and me, and that is not my desire. I do believe that Your Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. Jesus, I would like to ask You to fill my heart and come into my life as my Lord and my Salvation. I am committing and entrusting my life to You. Please give me the desire to be what You want me to be, and the desire to do what You want me to do. Thank You for choosing to die for my sins, for Your free pardon and forgiveness, for Your gift of eternal life, and for hearing and answering my prayer. Thank you for choosing to be my personal Savior. Amen.

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; all things become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

#11 - Temptation

John 16:33
These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

1 Corinthians 10:13
No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

There are no temptations in this world that Jesus himself did not overcome while He walked the earth. The things that tempt you are an attack on your mind, your body, your soul and your spirit. Who do you belong to today? If you have chosen to belong to God, then stand firm and put on your armor. (Ephes 6:10-18) Remember who you are in Christ and that He will send an army of angels to help you fight the battle of temptation. (continued)
#11 Temptation continued
Hebrews 2:18
For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Psalm 20:1-2
May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you; May He send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion.

#12 – The Lord’s forgiveness
Psalm 103:8-10
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. Do you really think you’ve blown it this time? Did you know that nothing can separate you from the love of God? (Romans 8:34-35) God is extremely patient with His children ready and waiting to extend grace and mercy. Grace is what you don’t deserve, and mercy is His compassion for you. He is waiting for you to run back into His arms and simply say you are sorry. He would prepare a feast in your honor, throw a party and adorn you with kingly robes of heaven. If you do not believe it is so, read the story Jesus told about the prodigal (wayward) son in Luke 15:11-32. Why did Jesus tell stories to show us the character of God? Because he knew we could see and hear, but not fully understand. (Matt 13:12-13) Jesus was the perfect teacher!

#13 – Comfort
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 tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

When you need comfort, God is there. When you need a shelter, God is there. He is there for you in countless little ways throughout each and every day. Maybe he came to you in a simple blessing today. Maybe it was something really big and miraculous. Look for him in your life because He is there with you always.

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#14 – Join the Club!
The Fellowship of the Unashamed

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The dye has been cast. The decision has been made. I have stepped over the line, I won't look back, let up, slow down or back away.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I’m finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap giving and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotion, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on HIS presence, I walk with patience, live by prayer, and labor with power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my Guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and spoken up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go 'till He comes, give 'till I drop, preach 'till all I know is said, and work 'till He stops me. And when he comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My banner is clear: I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. (Anonymous writer)

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