

ENCOURAGEMENT BULLETIN No. 140

**Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

(Psalm 37:5-6, NIV)

**“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
as much as obedience to the voice of the Lord?
To obey is better than to sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.**

(1 Samuel 15:22, NIV)

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As Christians, our success is not to be measured by what the world – or even the church – perceives as our achievements. Rather, it is to be measured as God perceives our faithfulness and obedience to Him. (WLE)

**“See now that I myself am He!
There is no god besides me.
I put to death and I bring to life,
I have wounded and I will heal,
and no-one can deliver from my hand.**

(Deuteronomy 32:39, NIV)

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Just as God holds His people secure in His hand so that none shall fall, so also are His enemies held so that they cannot be delivered from His justice and vengeance.

GOD REALLY IS IN CONTROL!!! HALLELUJAH!!!

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

(Hebrews 11:1)

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Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations.

(Elton Trueblood)

Dear Lord, Thank you for the infinite mercy with which you not only forgive but also do not remember our sin when we come to you in repentance and confession. Even so, many of us turn our days into bitterness by constantly looking back.

Grant us the grace to put the past behind us once it has been confessed and placed at the foot of the cross. Grant us the joy of facing each day without any burdens from yesterday, to expend our energy in praise and worship, to your glory. Amen. (WLE)

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

(2 Corinthians 12:9a, NIV)

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When God wants to do His great works He trains somebody to be quiet enough and little enough, then He uses that person. (Hudson Taylor)

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God’s efforts are strongest when our efforts are useless. (Max Lucado, “He Still Moves Stones”)

**The Lord delights in the way of the man
whose steps he has made firm;
though he stumble, he will not fall,
for the Lord upholds him with his hand.**

(Psalm 37:2-24, NIV)