

“Fragile Yet Invincible”

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.” *2 Corinthians 4:16 (NASB)*

1. My responsibility in suffering is to be a vessel that God can use.

“Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.” *2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NASB)*

“But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, *it says*, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.” *James 4:6 (NASB)*

“You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.” *1 Peter 5:5 (NASB)*

2. God promises His sustaining grace in my suffering.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. “Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. “Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you.” *John 16:20-22 (NASB)*