

## Living Above Circumstances

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But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. **(II Corinthians 3:7-11 NKJV)**

Engraved means shaped or imprinted.

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **(Hebrews 1:3 NKJV)**

Image means a graver, engraving character, stamped as an exact copy, representative. The Greek Word is Charakter.

And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." **(Exodus 19:3-6 NKJV)**

This is your inside answer to outside pressure.

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. **(Proverbs 4:23 NKJV)**

Things, both in the natural world and in the world of the spirit, are moving at a rapid-fire pace. And it can be draining.

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. **(II Corinthians 1:8 NKJV)**

Do you ever feel like your life force is being drained from you?

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. **(Proverbs 4:23 NKJV)**

The real strength for living, the force that literally keeps the body alive, comes from the spirit man.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. **(II Corinthians 4:16 NKJV)**

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. **(Matthew 12:35 NKJV)**

Paul was under pressure, and He said that he was despaired of life, he found the strength not just to go on, but to go on in victory. Where did he find that strength? In his inward man!

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble whichever came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, **(II Corinthians 1:8, 9 NKJV)**

Sentence in the Greek is "answer"

When the pressure is so great it's about to kill you, where do you look for the answer? Inside your own reborn, Holy Ghost-filled spirit! Fasting helps give your spirit man a rest. All the physical operations of the body drain energy from the spirit.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. **(II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV)**

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **(II Peter 1:3 NKJV)**

Once you develop that inner knowledge of Him, those needs will be met and those difficulties overcome. The answer to everything is inside you right now.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. **(II Corinthians 4:7 NKJV)**

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed **(II Corinthians 4:8, 9 NKJV)**

Perplexed means "to be cornered by the circumstances." Focus on Jesus inside you until your inner picture of Him is bigger than the outside situations you're facing.

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. **(II Corinthians 1:8 NKJV)**

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. **(Philippians 4:11-13 NKJV)**