

Big Idea: We have an _____ who wants to silence us, but God's _____ within us is the power to fulfill our calling.

The enemy wants to _____us.

Job 1:6 "One day when the angels came to report to God, Satan, who was the Designated _____, came along with them." (The Message).

The _____wants to discourage us.

Job 3:3-6 _____ the day I was born. _____ out the night I was conceived! Let it be a black hole in space. May God above _____ it ever happened. _____ it from the books! May the day of my birth be _____ in deep darkness, _____ by the fog, _____ by the night. And the night of my conception – the devil take it!" (The Message).

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are _____ on every side by troubles, but we are not _____. We are _____, but not driven to _____. We are _____ down, but never _____ by God. We get _____ down, but we are not _____." (NIV).

2 Corinthians 4:13-17 That is why we never _____ up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being _____ every day. For our present troubles are _____ and won't last very _____. Yet they produce for us a _____ that vastly outweighs them and will last _____!" (NIV)

We are _____, perplexed, _____, but not pulverized!

1 Peter 5:8-10 Be _____ and of a sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring _____ looking for someone to devour….Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going _____the same kind of _____ you are… After you have suffered a little while, He will _____, support, and _____ you, and he will _____ you on a firm foundation.

Both the enemy and our Father want to use suffering for their purposes in our lives! The enemy wants to _____ us and _____ us. The Father wants to _____ us to the image of His Son.

2 Corinthians 4:10 Through _____, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies."

2 Corinthians 4:7 …we ourselves are like _____ clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great _____ is from God, not from ourselves.

It's not our _____ lives that bring glory to God, but our broken lives _____ and _____ by His power.

How can we face pressures and sufferings and get back in the game?

1. **Don't _____ from God. _____ into Him. Isaiah 42:3 tells us, "A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish." Psalm 34:18: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."**
2. **_____ in a safe _____ where the Word is being preached. Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."**
3. **Be filled with the _____ _____. Ephesians 5:18 Keep on being filled, again and again.**
4. **Remember how Christ has been faithful and _____ the faith. Hebrews 10:32-36 – "do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that He has promised."**
5. **Continue to be _____ before God and others, even if it hurts. Share how God has been faithful to you through it all.**
6. **Don't _____ – I Corinthians 15:58 – "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."**

We don't want to _____; we want to _____!

Remember: We have an enemy who wants to _____ us, but God's power within us is the power to _____ our calling.