

How To Stay Encouraged

(Jesus) "I have come that you might have life and have it to the fullest!"

John.10:10

Eternal encouragement comes from... (Romans 8:1-39)

1. My new freedom.

"I have received a full pardon."

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

vs.1

2. My new victory.

"I have power over destructive impulses."

And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

vs.2

To have your mind controlled by human nature results in death; to have your mind controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace.

vs.5

3. My new future.

"An incredible payday is coming."

...our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

vs.18

4. My new understanding.

"God is always working for me."

And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

vs.28

5. My new confidence.

“God is in complete control.”

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? vs.31

But despite all this, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us. vs.37

6. My new assurance.

“All my needs will be met.”

Since he did not spare even his own Son for us, but gave him up for all, won't he also surely give us everything else? vs.32

7. My eternal friend.

“In Christ - I win.”

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. vs.35-39

Real life is to be found only in God's Son...Anyone who has Christ has this Life; but if he doesn't have Christ, then he does not possess this Life at all. 1 John 5:11-12