

2 Corinthians 4:8 (NLT)

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit.

I remember over the years of my walk with the Lord that there were times that I was pressed emotionally as severe things were going on in my life at times.

† ***We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken.***

But since you are reading this then you know that even though I was pressed emotionally, I was not broken. Sure, there were times when I wanted to say, “*I give up. I quit. I can't take this anymore.*” But the Lord was always with me to help me along in those times when I needed Him the most, and during those times, it was continually. But then I always need the Lord with me continually, hard or easy times.

So what is going on in your life right now? Have you given up? Are you ready to just throw in the towel and walk away defeated? Let me encourage you today not to do such a thing. If you decide to give up on the Lord you are giving up a great tomorrow. How do I know this? Read what God said to King David after God confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba.

† ***2 Sam 12:8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!***

Did you catch that last sentence “*I also would have given you much more!*”

There is so much more God wants to do in your life, but He can't if you decide to walk away from Him.

I know personally that the Lord has done amazing things in my life the last 45 years, including writing and recording Worship Music, writing and publishing a Christian novel, still doing devotionals and teachings on this website. He allowed me to go to Israel three times, and on and on. But if I just gave up at any time over the last 45 years, none of that would have ever happened for me.

So don't give up and don't be a quitter, “***We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit.***” But rather lean on the Lord and allow Him to be your strength in time of need. It may take a while, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and if you walk with Jesus, you can have light going through the tunnel as well!

† ***Psalm 89:15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.***