

## Stay the Course

**Luke 1:78 (NLV)**<sup>78</sup> Because the heart of our God is full of loving-kindness for us, **a light from heaven** will shine on us.

- Jesus came after you; He was thinking of you before you ever thought of Him.

**Matthew 9:36**—*But when He saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them because they were weary (harassed) and scattered like sheep having no shepherd (one to protect them, lead them, and guide them).*

- There is only one other person in the universe that knows how you feel.

**Hebrews 4:15 (KJV)**—[Jesus is] touched with the feeling of our infirmities

- Jesus does not want you beaten down to the point of giving up.
- Seeing you in that position has a great impact on him.

**Matthew 11:28-30**—*Come to me, all you who labor (weary toil, exhausted, worn-out, depleted from striving) and are heaven laden (overloaded weighted down), and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

**John 11:1-5, 17-23, 32-36, 38-44 (NKJV)**

We must settle it—*God is your greatest cheer leader, your biggest fan, He is your defender.*

**Luke 4:18** *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;*

- **2 Chronicles 16:9**—*His eyes run to and fro throughout the earth, searching for someone to show himself strong to—If you’re fighting your battles, He’s not.*

**We cannot afford to get distracted.**

- WE MUST STAY THE COURSE

The win, your victory, takes place over time, not in one moment.

- What matters is what the scoreboard says when time expires.
- You might struggle for a time, but if we **STAY THE COURSE**, we will win when time expires.

**Psalms 30:5 (AMPC)**—*Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.*

WE “STAY THE COURSE” by STAYING FOCUSED ON WHAT WE KNOW FOR SURE.

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- What we **know for sure** is not the same for everyone—what we believe is possible is different for everyone.

### What is possible for you is found in the Word of God.

- It might be time to set a new destination, a new possibility.

### What we see as a possibility determines where we end up.

- If you accept where you're at now and how you feel now is all there is, that's where you will stay.

Where are the directions you're following leading you?

- What destination, WHAT POSSIBILITY is programmed into your GPS?

**Psalm 84:5-7 (AMPC)** *Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the **highways to Zion**.<sup>6</sup> **As they pass through** the Valley of Weeping (Baca), they make it a place of springs; the early rain also fills [the pools] with blessings.<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength [increasing in victorious power]; each of them appears before God in Zion.*

**As they passed through**—they didn't camp out there.

- **Quit talking about where you're at, and start talking about where you're going!**

**Our strength comes from seeing our future the way God sees our future**—Making sure all roads in our thinking lead to what He said about us and our situation.

***Because we know this, we know that where we are at now is NOT where we will be forever.***