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"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:16-17) KJV

I read in my devotional the other morning that "Giving up often causes us to miss the best God has to offer". I agree. A few weeks ago, many of us witnessed the dethroning of the New England Patriot's football team to the new Super Bowl champions, the Philadelphia Eagles. While there were many amazing stories behind the scenes of the terrific season they experienced, one of the most exciting stories was how the second-string quarterback, Nick Foles, almost quit football just a few months before his historic win and Super Bowl Most Valuable Player performance. And because he did not quit, he was in position to win a game and receive rewards that most NFL players will never receive. You see, we all have faced problems in our private life, relationships, the church or work that have caused us to want to think about throwing in the towel and walking away.

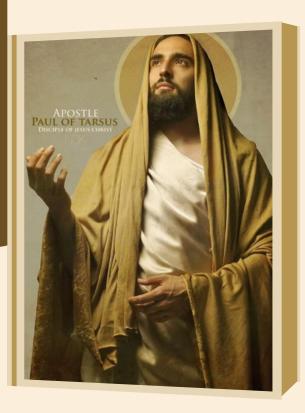




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Rather than giving up when persecution wore him down, Paul concentrated on experiencing the inner strength which comes from the Holy Ghost power of Jesus Christ, where he says, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Eph. 3:16).



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DON'T LET DISAPPOINTMENT, FATIGUE, PAIN, OR CRITICISM FORCE YOU OFF THE JOB. RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE LORD.

DON'T FORSAKE YOUR ETERNAL REWARD BECAUSE OF THE INTENSITY OF TODAY'S PAIN. LET THE INNER WORKING OF THE HOLY GHOST RENEW AND STRENGTHEN YOU ONE DAY AT A TIME. REMEMBER WHAT PAUL SAID.... "I TAKE PLEASURE IN INFIRMITIES, IN REPROACHES, IN NECESSITIES, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN DISTRESSES FOR CHRIST'S SAKE: FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG. " (2 COR. 12:10) SO HANG IN THERE AND NEVER GIVE UP!

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