



Be Encouraged – He’s Able, Part II

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- **I fear because I know I have not been obedient to His commands.**
- **I fear because I know I did not do my part to receive the promises of God.**
- **I fear because I don’t want to feel like God failed me.**

What God won’t do:

1 Corinthians 10:13 (The Message)

13 No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (New Living Translation)

13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you are able to endure

What God will do:

God will ask you to do something you have never done to get to you something you never had.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (New International Version)

18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

I believe He is able, I just don’t have confidence He will answer my request.

1 John 5:14-15 (Amplified Bible)

14 And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.

15 And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.



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2 Timothy 1:11-13 (Amplified Bible)

11 For [the proclaiming of] this [Gospel] I was appointed a herald (preacher) and an apostle (special messenger) and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 And this is why I am suffering as I do. Still I am not ashamed, for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [positively] persuaded that **(He is able)** to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed [to Him] until that day.

13 Hold fast and follow the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching which you have heard from me, in [all] the faith and love which are [for us] in Christ Jesus.

We must renew our thinking to tap into His ability for our life.

Romans 12:1-2 (New Living Translation)

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

We believe God is able but....

- We are concerned that our behavior is not lined up with God's will.
- We are not willing to change to receive God's ability in our lives.
- We feel more comfortable maintaining our old habits instead of creating new Godly habits.

Spiritual pattern to receive the fullness of God's ability in my life:

- revelation
- role model
- regiment of faith
- righteous resolve

Revelation

Romans 1:17 (New American Standard Bible)

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Revelation - the truth or perspective of God on my situation on the level of my understanding so I can embrace it with my heart assimilated to my thoughts and apply it to my decision making



Role Model

A person(s) that serves as an example in biblical or contemporary times to show you evidence of your potential.

Hebrews 6:11-12 (Contemporary English Version)

11We wish that each of you would always be eager to show how strong and lasting your hope really is. **12**Then you would never be lazy. **You would be following the example of those who had faith and were patient until God kept his promise to them.**

Hebrews 6:11-12 (New King James Version)

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, **12** that you do not become sluggish, but **imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

Regiment of Faith -- Uncommon men do daily what common men do occasionally.

A systematic plan that is congruent with the Word of God which you are able to put into action at will.

Psalms 1:2 (Amplified Bible)

2But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night

Joshua 1:8 (New Living Translation)

8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Righteous Resolve

The moment when I come to the actual point of change to produce desired results.

If God is able, why are situations in my life not working out the way I would like?

Isaiah 55:6-8 (New Living Translation)

6 Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. **7** Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously. **8** "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.



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Acts 16:16-35 (New Living Translation)

16 One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a demon-possessed slave girl. She was a fortune-teller who earned a lot of money for her masters. 17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved."

18 This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her. 19 Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. 20 "The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!" they shouted to the city officials. 21 "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice."

22 A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. 23 They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. 24 So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.

25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! 27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." 32 And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. 33 Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. 34 He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God. 35 The next morning the city officials sent the police to tell the jailer, "Let those men go!"