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God is Faithful when I am struggling

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (CSB) ²³ *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* ²⁴ *He who calls you is faithful; he will do it.*

Philippians 1:6 (NLT2) *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

Philippians 2:12-13 (CSB) ¹² *Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.* ¹³ *For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.*

1. The devil uses doubt and discouragement to hinder your spiritual growth.
2. When you look at all the weaknesses and deficiencies in your life, it can seem impossible to ever be the person God wants you to be.
3. God is the source and strength of your life.
4. Paul explained the balance of this in 2 Cor 3:4-6.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 (NLT2) ⁴ *We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ.* ⁵ *It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.* ⁶ *He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant.*

5. Any struggle that you have in life is an opportunity for God to show His sufficiency.
6. God is sanctifying His children for His eternal joy and glory.

1. God is the initiator of the work in you

1. Jesus is the one who founded our faith.

Hebrews 12:2 (NLT2) *We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.*

2. God was the one who began the good work in you.
3. God takes responsibility to continue His work in you.
4. God guarantees the outcome of His work in you.

2. God is the protector of the work in you

Jude 1:24 (NLT2) *Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.*

1. God will protect and preserve you.
2. God desires to bring you into His presence faultless.
3. There will be "great joy" when you have completed your work.

3. God is the developer of the work in you

He works in you by empowering and equipping you

1. God provides the energy to sanctify your attitude. (desires or will) Phil 2:13
2. God provides the energy to sanctify your actions. Phil 2:13
3. God personally equips you with ALL you need to do His will.

Hebrews 13:20-21 (NLT2) ²⁰ *Now may the God of peace— who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—* ²¹ *may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.*

4. God equips you as you face difficult situations that cause you to struggle and in the process continues to transform you.
5. We all would like to change-with quickly, easily, and completely. God's process in our growth is often lengthy, complex and in stages.

4. God is the finisher of His work in you

1. You are God's project.
2. He is always working for you, He is working in you, and He is working through you.
3. You were not designed by God for failure, you are more than a conqueror.
4. Everything that happens to you will be used by God for your perfection.

James 1:2-4 (NLT2) ² *Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.* ³ *For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.* ⁴ *So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

5. Have faith in God to complete His work in you.
6. Be quick to obey God completely.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NLT2) ¹⁶ *Always be joyful.* ¹⁷ *Never stop praying.* ¹⁸ *Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.* ¹⁹ *Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.* ²⁰ *Do not scoff at prophecies,* ²¹ *but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.* ²² *Stay away from every kind of evil.*