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Philippians 3:13-14 NKJ

[13]Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
[14]I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Believers face many difficulties. Trials. Adversaries. Doubts. At times we're all tempted to quit. The struggle seems too much, and we wonder if it's worth it to continue, to hold on to our faith when there seems to be no hope left.

But there is a goal -- supremely worthwhile: life with our wonderful Lord. Not just existence, but intimate fellowship.

Fix your eyes on the goal -- God Himself -- and press on!

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 NIV 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Please read the following verses slowly and thoughtfully.

1 Peter 5:7-10 NKJ

[7]casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

[8]Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

[9]Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

[10]But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

Space does not permit much comment on these verses, but notice that suffering is caused by your enemy, the devil, and its purpose is to attack your faith.

Also notice that God only allows you to suffer a short time.

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But," you say, "it's already been a long time."

Not really. It seems like a long time when you are going through trials, but afterward seems like a short time. Even a few years is nothing when you look back on it. Ask God to help you see things from Heaven's perspective.

"But why does God allow me to suffer at all?"

Because people make wrong choices.

Conflict causes suffering.

But God believes in you!

God believes that with His grace and help, you will overcome and experience victory.

The end result is what really counts. God will make everything turn out alright. (Read verse 10 again.)

Maybe you feel like your faith is barely hanging by a thread. Just hang on. With God holding the thread -- and He is -- your faith, you will survive. You will make it! God will help you.

PRAYER: I will press on with God. I will not quit or give up on my faith, I will survive and I will overcome in Jesus name.

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