

MOVING BEYOND THE PAIN!
My Life. I'm in Control - Part 3
2 Corinthians 4:1-18 (NIV)
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"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)

How Do I Keep On Going When Life Hurts?

1. I MUST REMEMBER GOD LOVES ME.

In Jeremiah 31:3, (God tells us that His love has no end and no beginning. He draws people close to Him by using kindness and mercy instead of force)

"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart."
2 Corinthians 4:1 (NIV)

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
Romans 8:31 (ESV)

2. I MUST HAVE THE RIGHT MOTIVATION.

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)

"Five times I received from the Jews forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a day and a night in the open sea, I've been in constant danger, without food, without sleep -- thirst, hunger, food, cold. Besides this I've faced the daily pressures of concern for all the churches."
2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (Paraphrase)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men"
Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

3. I MUST TAKE TIME TO BE RENEWED!

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

4. I MUST KEEP MY EYES ON MY GOD!

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!" Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

"It always seems impossible until it's done." Nelson Mandela