



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

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We All Wrestle.

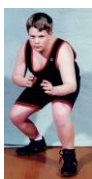
When my oldest son was in Junior High School, he joined the wrestling team and continued with the team until he graduated. During wrestling season, each evening you would find him at school lifting weights and practicing. His first match came, and he lost. At his next match he lost again. He continued to lose each match and tournament for the next five years. But he never gave up and his coach continued to encourage and believe in him. He wrote a letter to his coach thanking him for never giving up. That coach kept that letter on his refrigerator door for years. In his final match before graduation, my son finally won a match.

My youngest son also joined the wrestling team, but in the heavy weight class. He won most of his matches and tournaments, but only by default because there was no one in his weight class to wrestle. He soon stopped going to practice and the thrill of just getting trophies soon got old.

Whether or not you like it, we all wrestle. It could be either financially, mentally, emotionally, socially, physically or spiritually. For many of us, we are grappling with more than one issue at a time. Like my oldest son, it seems like we can never win or just get a head. The pressures in life, rocky relationships, inflation, politics, disasters, discord, health, situations, problems, others and ungodliness are all trying to pin us down.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Eph 6:12,13 The armor of God consists of truth, righteousness, gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the word of God and prayer.” Eph 6 14-18 “For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.” Deut 20:4 “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” Ps121:1,2

Because life is not like my youngest son’s, no effort, no work, and winning all the time, you need someone that not only believes in you but who will also empower you. That someone is Jesus Christ. Your battles may be many but “greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.” I John 4:4b “Victory is not a matter of hoping but of trusting and believing.”



My oldest.

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*“What shall we then say to these things?
If God be for us, who can be against us?” Roms 8:31*

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