

July Edition: Keep the Faith, America!



Faith and Fortitude: A Pep Talk with Stacie and Carrie

History attests to it: Winning requires hard work, discipline, and reliance on God instead of emotions. We must learn to view hardships as disguised opportunities to honor God and try something new. We must tune out the words of the ignorant instead of only getting angry about what our opponents say. We must ask God to use hardships to develop skills and traits for true success. We must stay positive and proactive. **That's how winning is done, America.**



For instance, there once was a young boy named Thomas who had scarlet fever. As a result of the scarlet fever, he developed ear infections and lost most of his hearing. When he attended school, his teacher ignorantly labeled him as "difficult" because of his hyperactivity and lack of attention associated with hearing loss. By her actions and words, she made clear that she didn't believe this young boy had potential or that he would amount to anything.

The teacher's atrocious attitude shocked the boy's mother. She quickly pulled him from school to teach him at home. She believed in her son. She worked with him and encouraged him to learn and work hard regardless of what others said. By the age of 11, the boy showed an insatiable appetite for knowledge and read books on a wide variety of subjects. He developed a process for self-education to learn independently; those skills proved to serve him throughout his life.

So, who was this boy once believed to be destined for failure? Thomas Edison. Thomas Edison was an extraordinary American inventor. He is most famously remembered for inventing the incandescent electric light bulb, the telegraph, and the phonograph. Thomas Edison was such a prolific inventor that he held more than 1,000 patents for his inventions. (Yes, more than 1,000!)

In spite of and because of his hardships, Thomas Edison grew skills and traits which eventually climaxed in outstanding achievements. When he was a child, little did he know one day he would become one of the greatest inventors in history. He knew the meaning of hard work. He emulated the words "never give up."

When we prayerfully view hardships as disguised opportunities and when we choose to do hard work without listening to the ill-informed, we keep going and never give up. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Now, that's even more encouragement for us to persevere!

Here's another winning example: Prior to his ultimate victory, British abolitionist William Wilberforce had exhausted every human effort to end the horrors of the slave trade. He even lost his health as he did it in his own strength. But God drew him to himself and Wilberforce experienced what it meant to know Christ in the deepest possible way while prayerfully winning the battle in His strength and with His love.

William Wilberforce did not give up; his faith and God-given fortitude ultimately led to victory. America today faces many challenges. But we must prayerfully view them as opportunities. Hold true to your faith in Christ and values. As patriotic Americans, we must keep fighting the good fight but not in our strength. We must do so with the strength and grace of God. By giving our hearts fully to God, we receive grace to never give up. **(To emphasize that, scroll down to read "Don't Give Up" by inspirational speaker Zig Ziglar.)**



The next time you feel discouraged, don't give up. Remember that God remains God and God remains good! The next time you read a depressing headline, remember there is hope. We can face our future without fear because we know the One Who holds the future. Friends, never give up. Look up. Trust in Jesus!

Persevering with prayer,

Carrie and Stacie Stoelting

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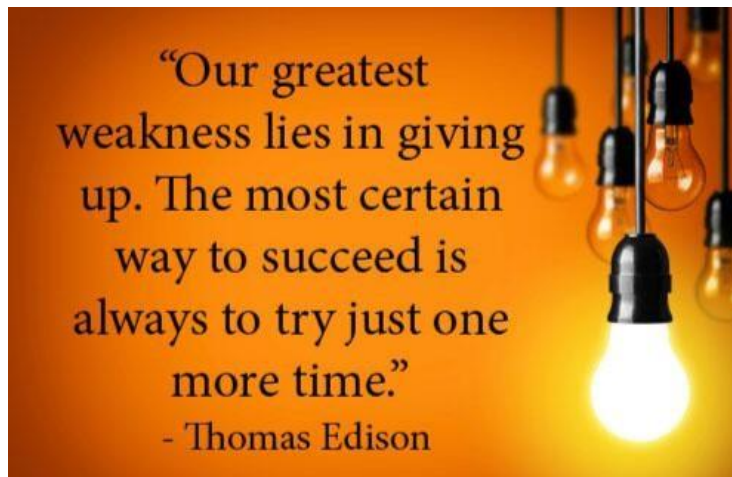
This Month's Bible Verse



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for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

-Galatians 6:9

Featured Quote and Meme to Share



*"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.
The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."*

-Thomas Edison

This Month's Historical Video



Did you know that there are many historical videos that few have seen and fully appreciated? It's time to unearth these audiovisual treasures such that a wider audience of Americans can experience them. Multi-sensory learning of American history can make us appreciate the past and stay motivated in the present. That's why we're excited to start a new feature of sharing a historical video each month. This will further enhance our understanding and offer opportunities for you to share with your family (including kids who prefer audiovisual experiences).

This month's historical video features the great American inventors, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, as interviewed by Harvey Firestone (founder of Firestone Tires). This interview took place on October 21, 1929 in honor of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Edison inventing the incandescent light bulb.

Zig Ziglar's Life Story



"It's not what happens to you that will determine how far you will go in life,
it is how you handle what happens to you."

-Zig Ziglar

Don't Quit

By Zig Ziglar

Don't let the mistakes and disappointments of the past direct and control your future.

There is an old, partially true statement that "quitters never win and winners never quit." I say "partially true" because people who quit did get started and that's the first step to success. To say "winners never quit" is not always true because many times our individual goals are not good ones. It is true that winners don't quit on life.

Stories are legend about people who overcame insurmountable odds to achieve outstanding success. Some will remember that in the 1948 presidential election Harry Truman "did not have a chance." Tom Dewey was the next president and on election day a Chicago paper published headlines that Dewey had won. Harry Truman didn't quit. He fought the odds and won the victory.



Sir Winston Churchill is famous for his speech, "Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never, never..." Certainly his words in England's darkest hour had a dramatic impact on his nation and, ultimately, the free world.

I love the story of the high school coach who spoke to his team at half-time when they were well behind their opponent. He rhetorically asked the question, "Did Cal Ripken ever quit?" and his team responded, "No!" "Did Emmitt Smith ever quit?" and again his team responded, "NO!" "Did Elmer McFuddin ever quit?" This was followed by a stunned silence and finally one player asked, "Who is Elmer McFuddin?" The coach enthusiastically responded, "That's the whole point! Nobody ever heard of him because he quit!" Message: Don't quit. Hang in there, and I'll SEE YOU AT THE TOP!

10 Verses of Encouragement



for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." **Isaiah 41:10**

4. "But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." **Isaiah 40:31**

5. "The Lord shatters the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken." **Psalms 33:10-11**

1. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." **Joshua 1:9**

2. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." **Jeremiah 29:11**

3. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed,

6. "The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." **Psalm 32:8**

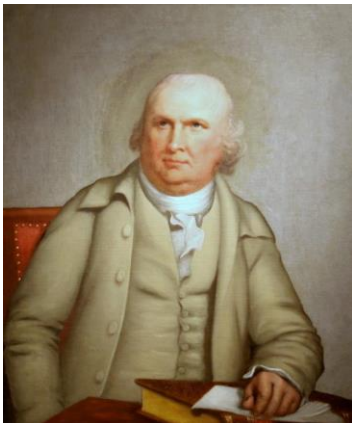
7. "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 8:37-39**

8. "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." **Psalm 18:2**

9. "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." **Philippians 4:13**

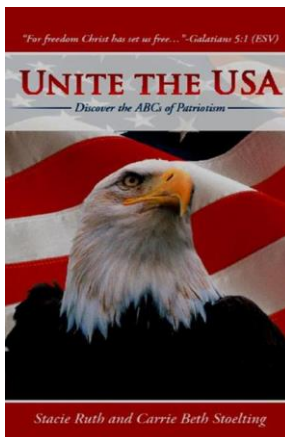
10. "...Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 3:12-14**

Featured Founding Father



Founding Father **Robert Morris, Jr.** (January 20, 1734 - May 8, 1806) played an important role in American history. He signed all of the following major documents: The Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution. Morris was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly where he became the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee of Safety. Later, he was chosen to serve as a delegate to the Second Continental Congress. At that time, he served as chairman of the "Secret Committee of Trade" and as a member of the Committee of Correspondence.

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by Stacie and Carrie Stoelting



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