

# GLORY DAYS!

“No Failure is Fatal”

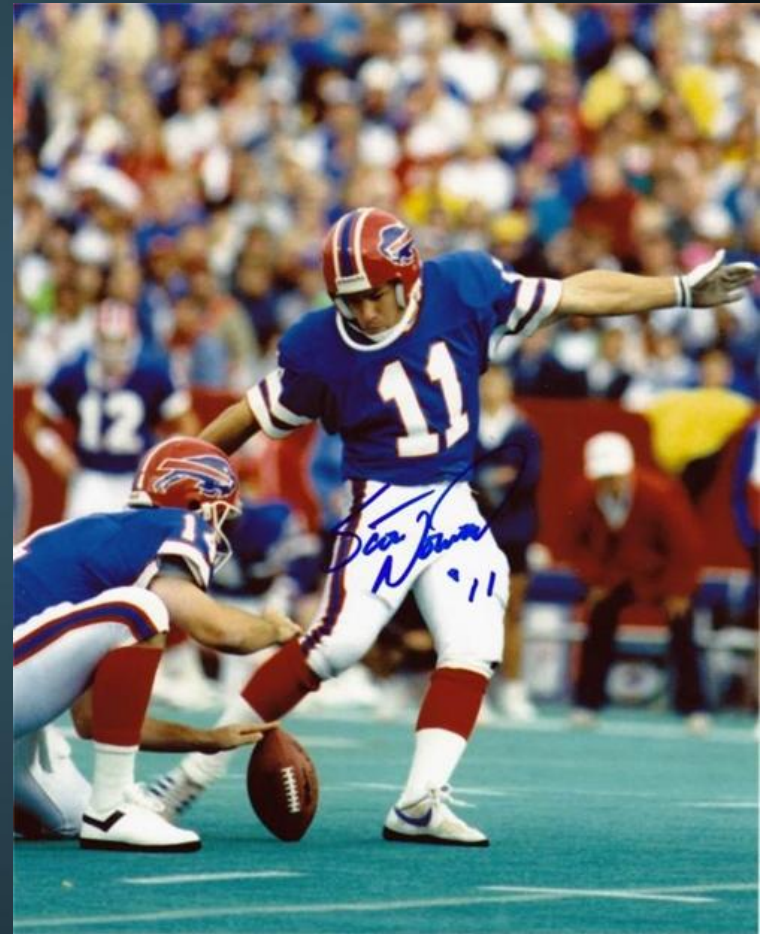
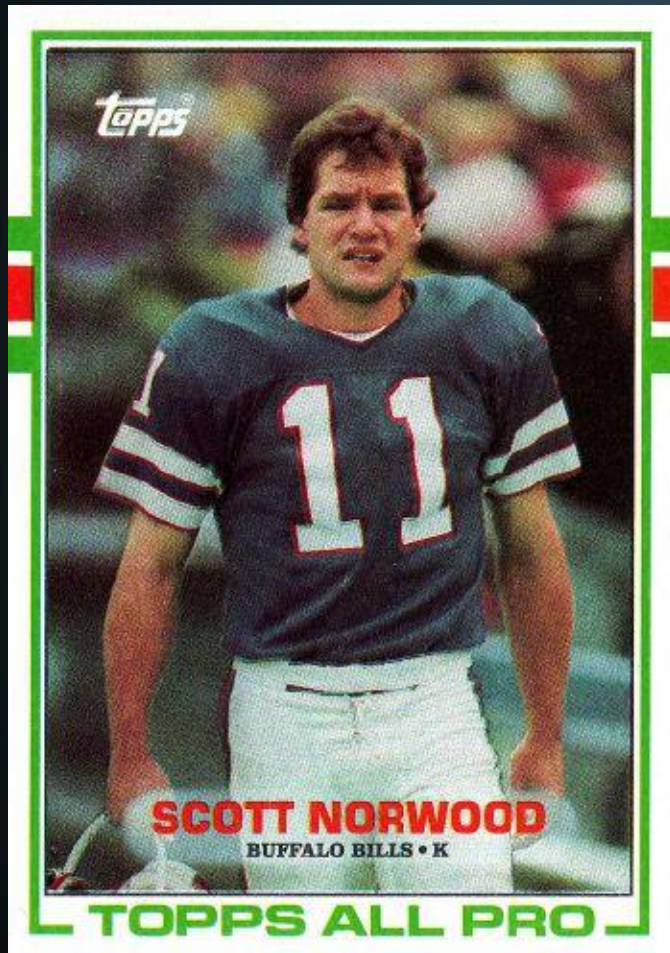
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Joshua 8

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**Too bad scott norwood didn't  
fly the planes on 9/11**



**They would have gone wide right**

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A person is seen from behind, standing in a field of tall grass. Their arms are raised in a 'V' shape towards a bright, hazy sky where the sun is low on the horizon, creating a silhouette effect. The scene is inspirational and hopeful.

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*No Failure is Fatal*

## THESIS:

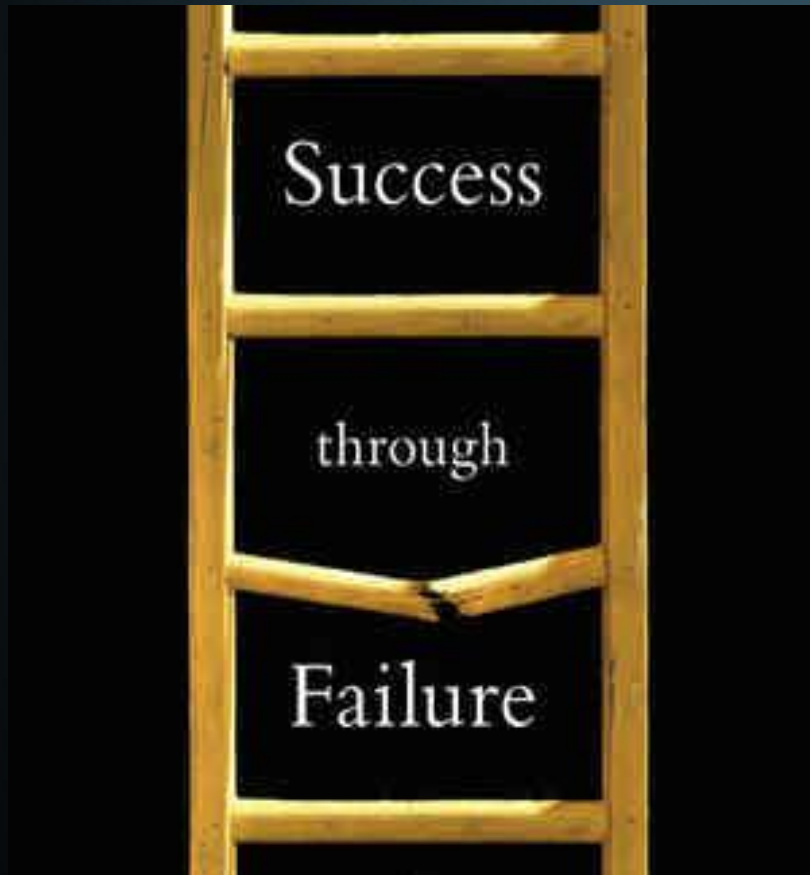
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- #2. God's advice to us when we fail.
- #3. God's plan for success.

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## I. GOD IS A GOD OF 2nd CHANCES.



- A welcome discovery of the Bible is that God uses failures.



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## II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US.

### #1. Put the past in the past!

“**Get up!** Why do you lie on your face” (Josh 7:10)?



THE PAST IS A GOOD PLACE  
TO VISIT, BUT NOT A GREAT  
PLACE TO STAY.



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## **II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US.**

### **#1. Put the past in the past!**

The past should be left in  
the past,  
otherwise it can destroy  
your future.

Live life for what tomorrow  
has to offer,  
not for what yesterday has  
taken away.



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## II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US.

**#2. Face your failures with faith in God's goodness.**

"Don't place your mistakes on your head, their weight may crush you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as a platform to view your horizons."



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## II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US.

#2. Face your failures with faith in God's goodness.

- “**Arise, go**... you and all this people, to the land which I am giving” (Josh 1:2).





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## II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US.

**#2. Face your failures with faith in God's goodness.**

“The steps of good men are *directed by the Lord*. He delights in each step they take. **If they fail, it isn't fatal**, for the Lord holds them in His hand” (Ps 37:23-24).

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#3. You must believe that *God's grace is greater than your failure.*

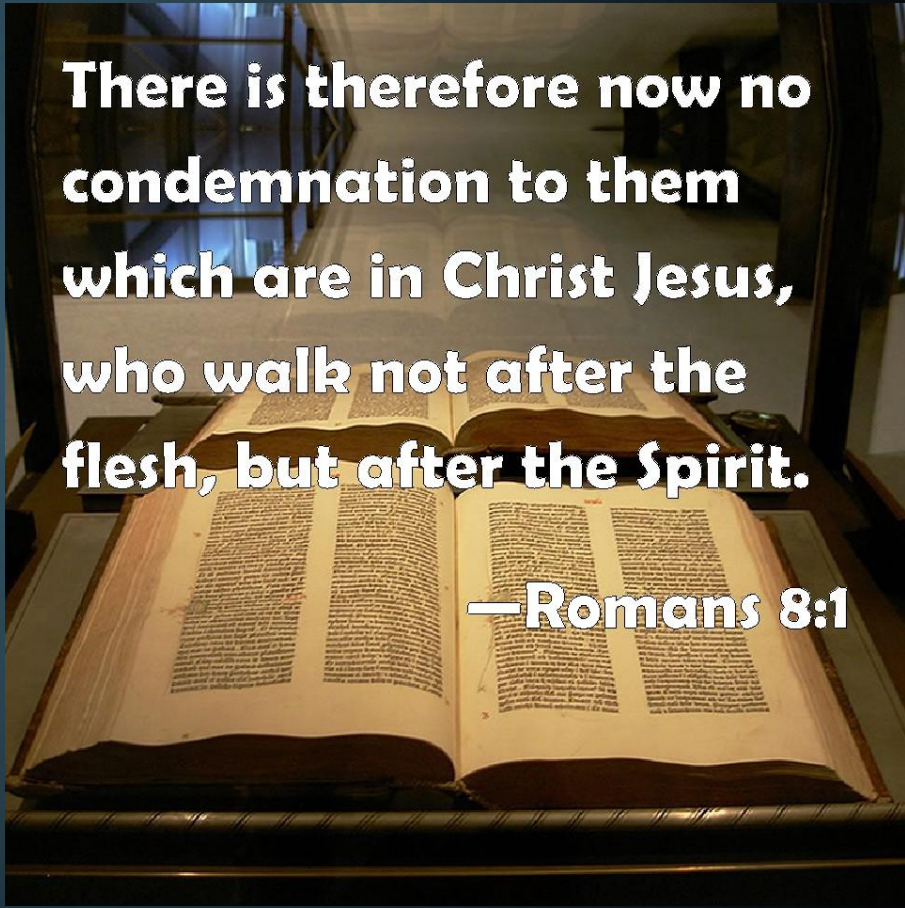




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## **II. GOD'S ADVICE** **TO US.**

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**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

**—Romans 8:1**

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## II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US.

**#4. Get up and  
get moving in a  
positive  
direction!**

- “Do not be afraid,  
nor dismayed,  
**arise and go**”  
(Joshua 1:2, 8:1).





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## II. GOD'S ADVICE • “I will *arise and go* to my father” (Lk 15:18).

#4. Get up and get moving in a positive direction!





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## **II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US.**

**#4. Get up and  
get moving in a  
positive  
direction!**

- “I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched I press ahead to the goal and the high calling of Christ Jesus” (Phil 3:13-14).



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## III. GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS.

- “See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city and his land” (Josh 8:1).
- “Without counsel, things go awry, but in the multitude of counselors a thing shall be established” (Prov 15:22).



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## II. GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS.





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LAUNCH OUT  
INTO THE DEEP  
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LET DOWN YOUR  
NETS FOR A CATCH



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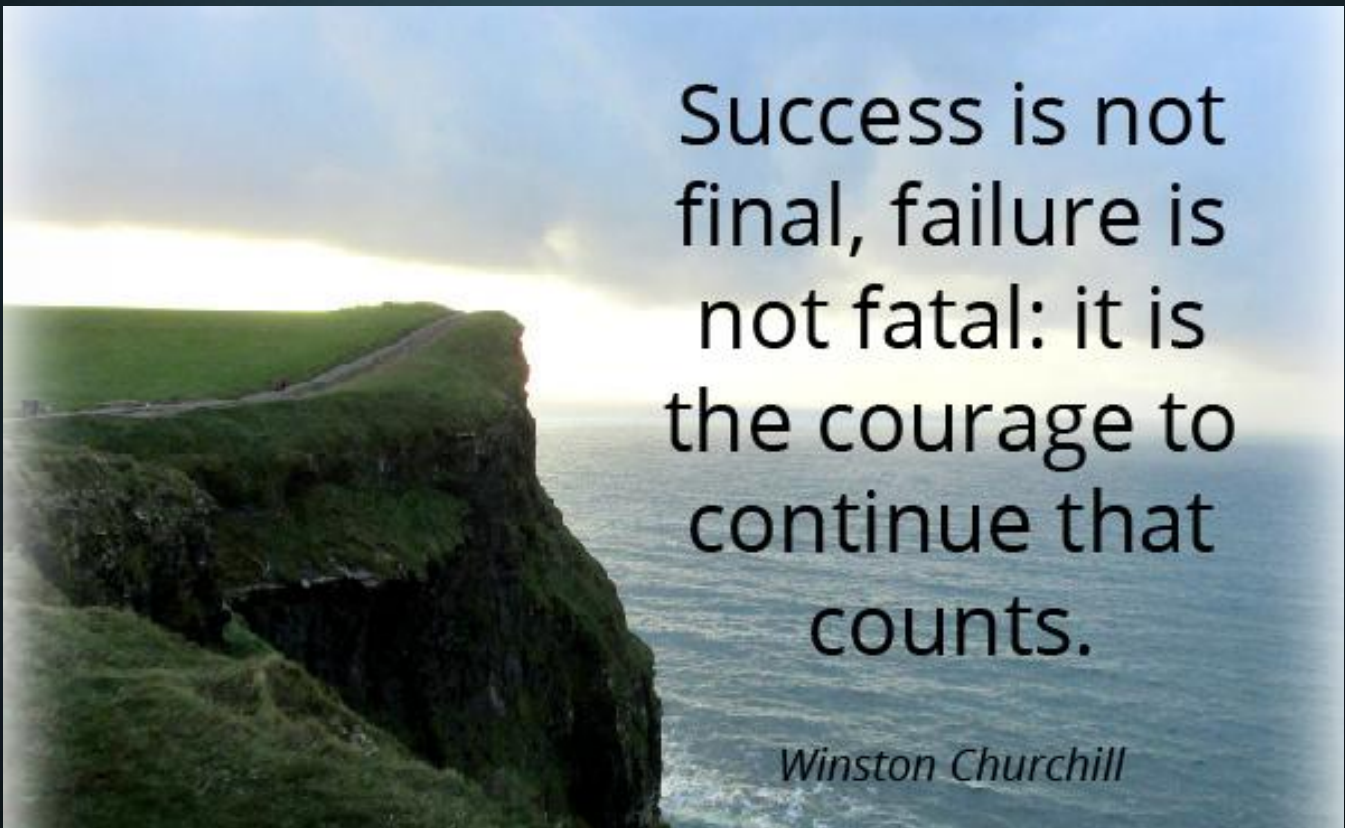
## II. GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS.

- Failures are fatal, only if we fail to learn from them!

A person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised high in a gesture of praise or glory. They are positioned against a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds. The overall mood is one of triumph and spiritual elevation.

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## **II. GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS.**

The image shows a dramatic coastal scene. A narrow, winding path leads along the edge of a steep, grassy cliff. The cliff drops down to a turbulent sea. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the sun is visible, creating a bright glow. The overall atmosphere is one of resilience and perseverance.

Success is not  
final, failure is  
not fatal: it is  
the courage to  
continue that  
counts.

*Winston Churchill*

A person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised high in a gesture of praise or glory. They are positioned against a bright, sunlit sky with wispy clouds. The overall mood is one of triumph and divine presence.

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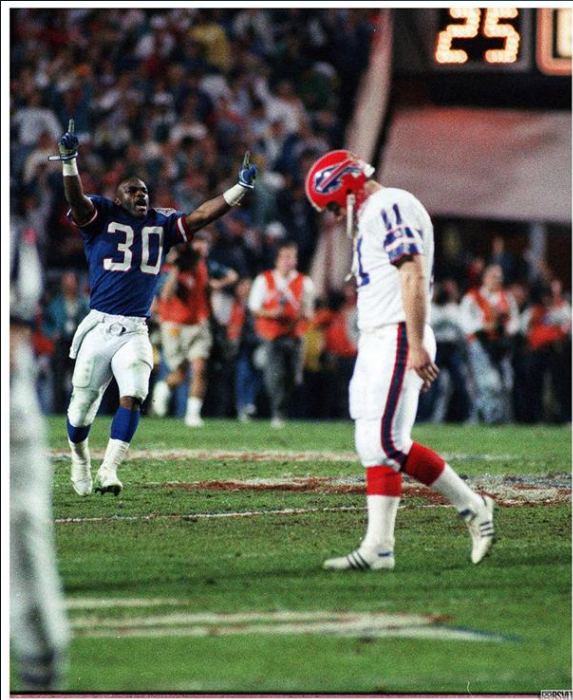
## **II. GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS.**

A person is sitting on a wooden bench, looking down at their hands. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source creating a soft glow. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

FAILURE IS SUCCESS  
IF WE LEARN FROM IT.

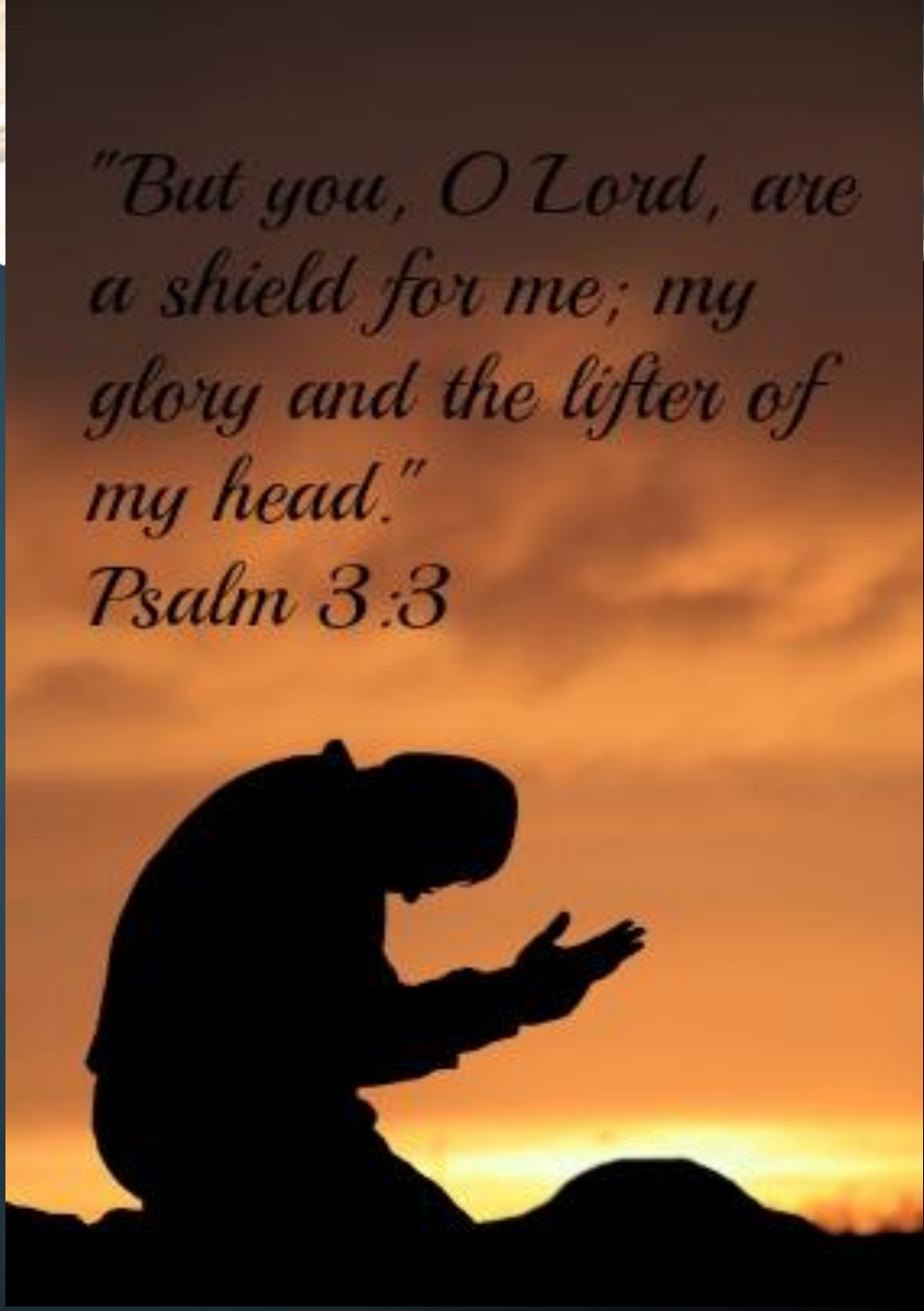


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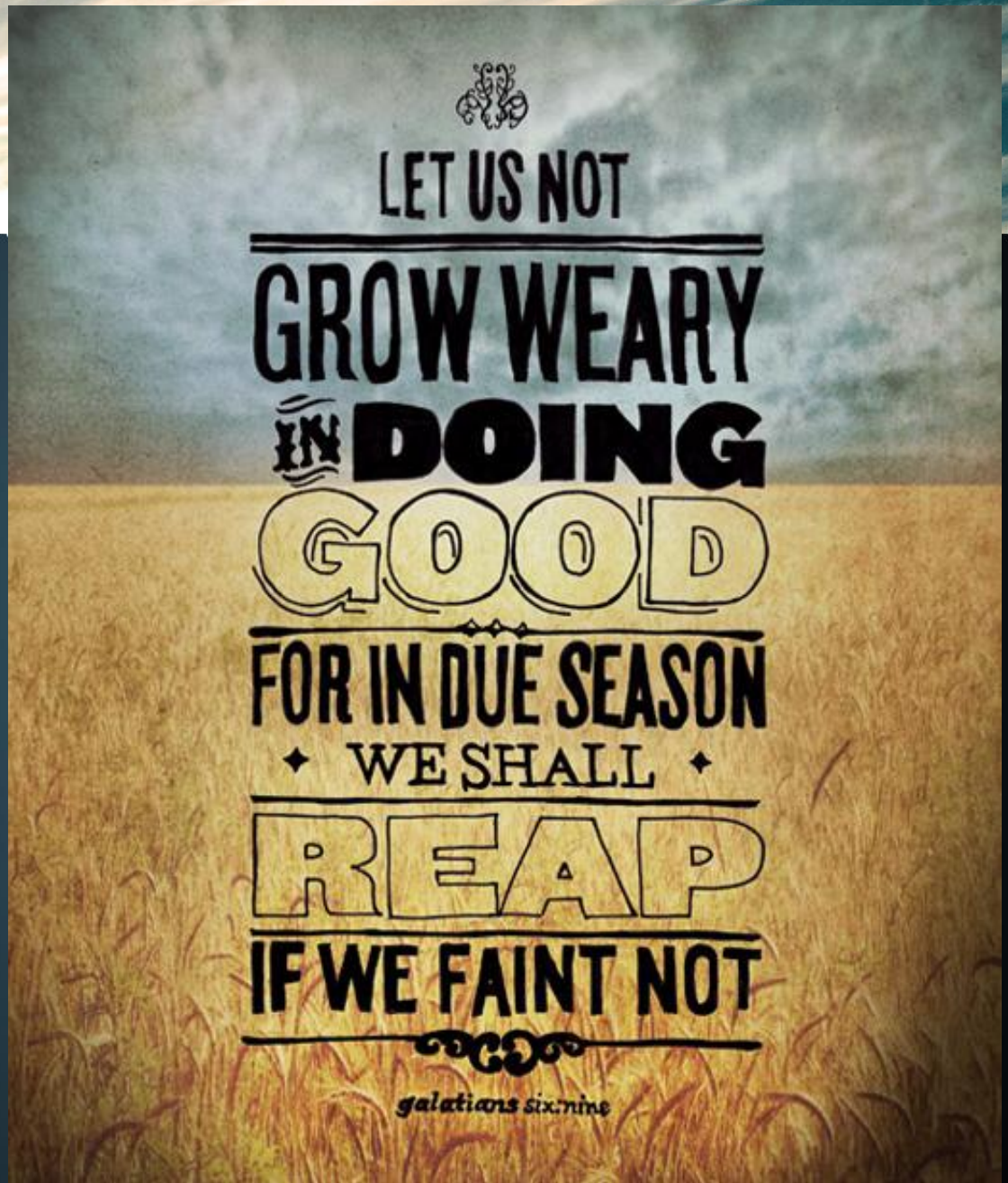
*"But you, O Lord, are  
a shield for me; my  
glory and the lifter of  
my head."*

*Psalm 3:3*





## II. GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS.





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**DO NOT**  
grow weary  
*in doing good*  
for at the proper time  
**YOU WILL**  
*reap a harvest*  
if you do not  
**give up.**  
*Gal 6:9*

#6

Why did the Israelites not leave the body of the king of Ai on the tree overnight?

*While still in the wilderness, God had long ago commanded the Israelites that they were not to leave the body of an executed person on a tree after sunset (Deuteronomy 21:22-23).*

#7

What events occurred in the book of Genesis around Bethel and Ai?

*Abram had pitched his tent between Bethel and Ai on 2 occasions and built an altar there; it was where Abram and Lot parted ways.*

*Jacob had slept there and saw his vision of angels ascending and descending a ladder; God had told him in the vision that the land would someday belong to his descendants.*

*It was the place to which Jacob and his family fled after his sons had massacred Shechem.*

#8

Briefly describe the ceremony that took place at Mount Ebal & Mount Gerizim.

*First they built an altar of uncut stones and offered sacrifices. Then they took large stones and plastered them and then wrote the law on them. Then the people were divided into 2 camps (by tribe), one against Mount Ebal and the other against Mount Gerizim. The Levites would pronounce blessings and curses for various actions and the people were to answer, "Amen".*



#9

How many curses were stated by the Levites? What were the blessings that they declared?

*There were 12 curses that are listed in Deuteronomy 27.*

*We do not have a record of the blessings.*

#10

What significant event in Israel's history occurred at Shechem ([Genesis 12:4-7](#))?

*This is where God appeared to Abram and first promised the land of Canaan to his offspring.*

# TRUE/FALSE

11. **T F** *Because of his wickedness, the body of the King of Ai was burned. (8:29)*
12. **T F** *The people were allowed to plunder all of Ai except for the gold and silver, which was devoted to the LORD. (8:27)*
13. **T F** *After Ai was captured and set on fire, Israel's army went out to pursue Ai's defenders. (8:22)*
14. **T F** *Israel's army was finally able to overcome the band of defenders left in Ai only because Joshua kept his javelin extended. (8:19)*
15. **T F** *After the defeat at Ai, Joshua was accompanied by the elders of Israel in approaching God. (7:6)*