

Ecc- Sunday After Christmas- 2014

Life is a **Continuous Effort** or Struggle ... at times it seems our struggles are holding hands

I know we have all had our share of tremendous **Struggles This Year** –I have heard more than once that this was the **Worst...Hardest.. Most Difficult** year ever!

It is at times like these that it seems easier to **Just Lay Down / Call It Quits...** that's **Satan's Plan**

But it is at times like these... God says... **Take Up Thy Bed and Walk!!! Face the Wall / Shout!**

Face the Giant who Brags on his Ability..and Say ..You come w- **Sword, Spear, Shield..but I Come in the Name of the Lord Of Host!!!**

Struggle is a Sign...

1- There is Still **Life in You! - **Potential** –you are not dead!- not laying down!**

2 Corinthians 4:8-10- ⁸ *We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;* ⁹ *Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;* ¹⁰ *Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*

a- **Troubled**(squeezed to Pt of Suff) **Every Side**-Phy...**Spt..Emot...Mentally**

b- **Troubled**=Outside ...**Distressed**=Inside (*depression given into*)

2- Satan Does not **Have You Yet - **Problem****

2 Kings 6:8-12 -⁸ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp. ⁹ And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. ¹⁰ And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. ¹¹ Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel? ¹² And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

a- God Keeps **Making a Way** where there is **NO WAY**

b- Annt –oil slippery – every time we can give Satan **HG Slip**

3- God Still Has **Need of You - **Purpose****

Ezk 37:1-14

a- Dry bones- No Hope –Marrow dried up

b- Raise up an Army !!!

4- God is **Defending You - **Power****

Zechariah 4:6-⁶ Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

a- **2 Corinthians 4:7** -But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

5- Break Thru is **On the Way - **Promise****

Hebrews 12:12 (KJV)

¹² Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;