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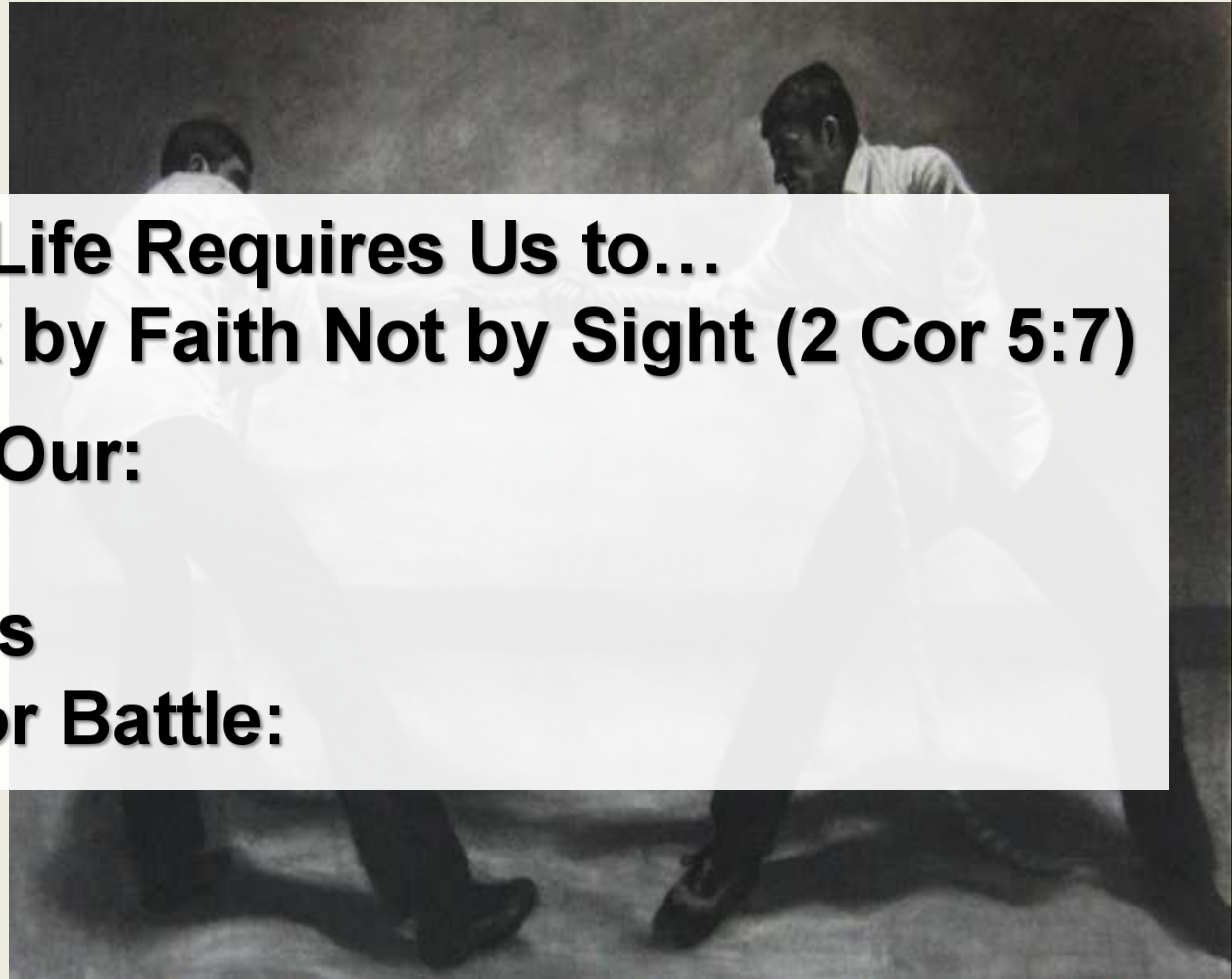
**NO PAIN
NO GAIN**

Dealing with Life's Struggles

The Struggle Principle



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**The Christian Life Requires Us to...
...Walk by Faith Not by Sight (2 Cor 5:7)**

Move Beyond Our:

- **Feelings**
- **Limitations**
- **Prepare for Battle:**

The Struggle Principle



PAIN

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When We Choose to Walk by Faith

We Are Met With Resistance

Resistance = Struggle

Without Struggle...

...Faith is Hindered

We Don't Want to Experience Struggle

But Cant Walk by Faith Without It

Faith Without Struggle is...

**WITHOUT STRUGGLE
THERE IS NO PROGRESS**

Faith Without Struggle is...

- **Weak**
- **Puny**
- **Ineffective**
- **Wishful thinking**

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On Purpose..to Produce Struggle**

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God Knows a Lack of Struggle Produces:

- **Spiritual Weakness**
- **Loss of Spiritual Edge**
- **Thanklessness**
- **Spiritual Laziness**

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#1- Because They Needed to Learn How to Fight

Psalms 18:34 (KJV)

³⁴ He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

- **Speaks of the Ordinary Doing the Extra-Ordinary**

Dependant on God for...

- **Guidance** *-teaches*
- **Strategy** *-to war*
- **Purpose** *-bow of steel broken*
- **Strength** *-broken by mine arms*

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#2- Because Giants Distinguish the DifferenceBetween Professors and Possessors

- *It's one thing to confess the promises of God, it's another thing to strap on your sword /go toe to toe with your giants and possess your promises.*

#3- Giants Expose the Grasshoppers in the Crowd (When giants show up grasshoppers speak up).

- **Grasshoppers usu Blend into Their
EnvironmentsBut Giants Uncover Them**



The Struggle

Only God is our

Refuge

find peace & safety in Him

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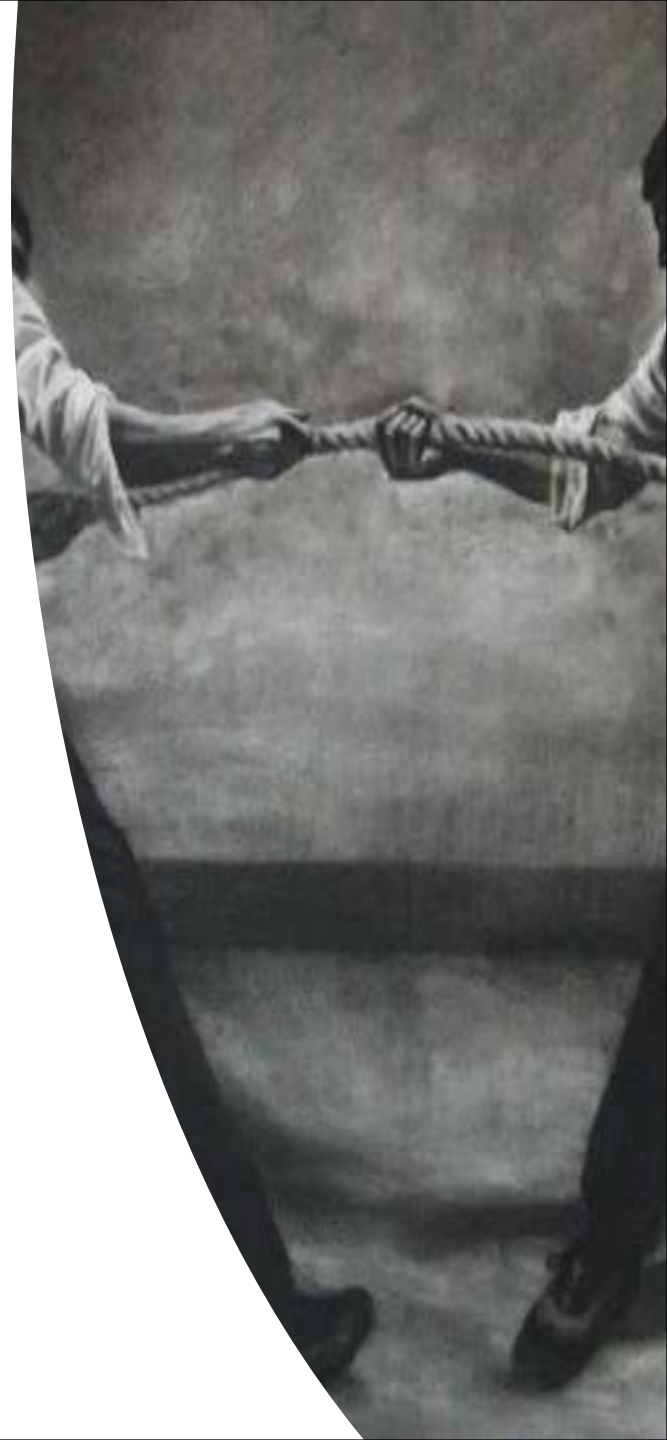
#4- You get to Know Yourself in the Struggle
(the real you comes out under pressure)

#5- You get to Know Your God...

...You Realize that God is Your Only Help

...You Realize that He is More Than Enough!

The Struggle



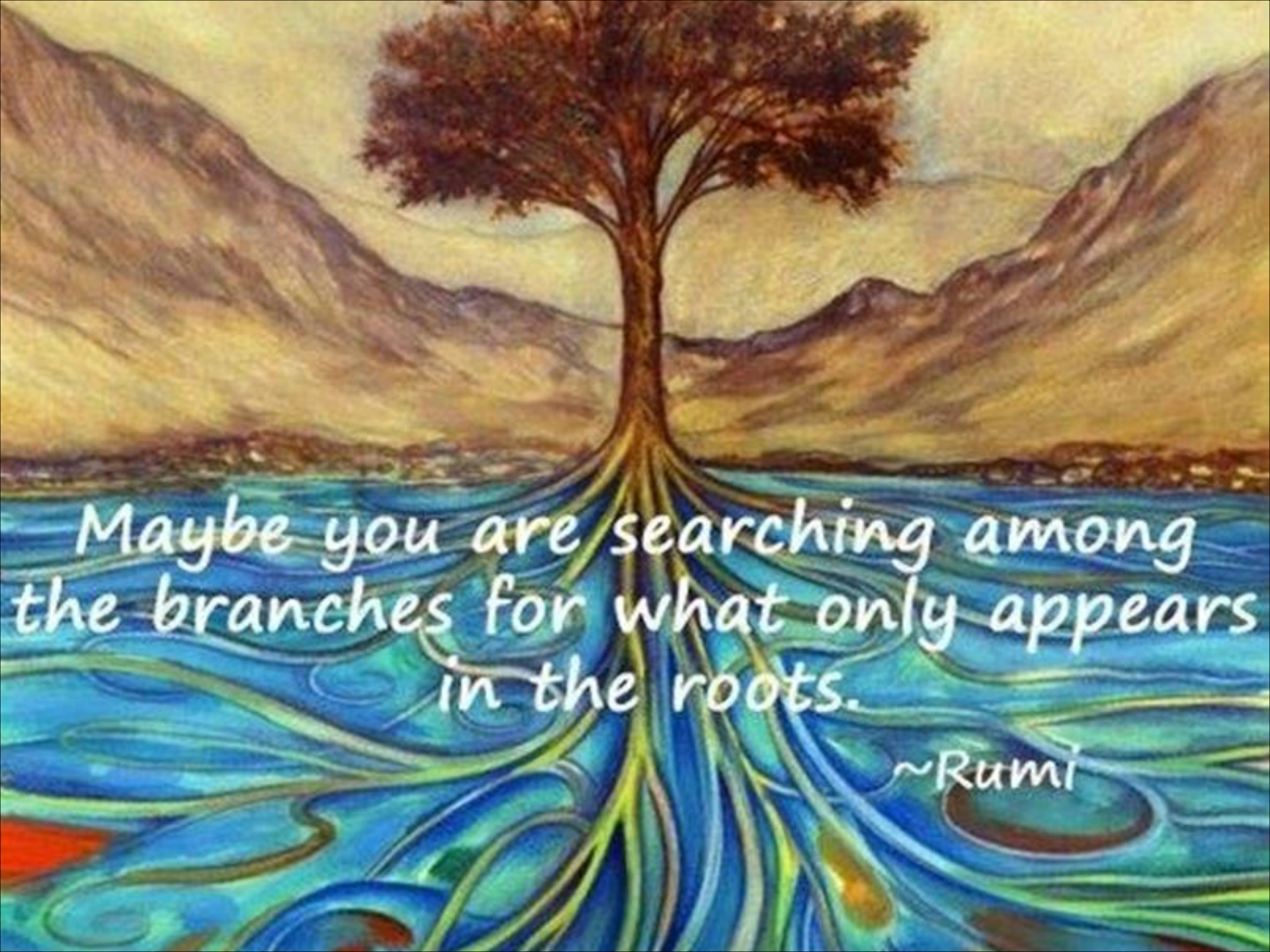
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#6- You Get Stronger, Put Down Roots, Dig Into the Word / Prayer

**Col 2:7, *"Rooted /built up in him,
strengthened in the faith as you were
taught,/ overflowing w- thankfulness"***

- **When a tree takes root, burrowing deep into the soil, it's not long is mirrored above grown**
- **Even the trunk grows sturdier, more storm-resistant.**
- **The Deeper You Root Your Life In Christ, The Stronger You'll Become**





Maybe you are searching among
the branches for what only appears
in the roots.

~Rumi



**#6- You Get Stronger, You Put Down Roots,
You Dig Into The Word And Prayer**

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (KJV)

⁷ Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

⁸ For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Lord
Thank You for
the trouble that
set me up for
double.

Lord

#9- The Struggle Produces Thankfulness

- **When you know you had to fight for what you got:**
 - **You Appreciate It More**
 - **You Won't Let Anyone Take It from You**

set me up for
double.

The Most
Important Things
In Life
Aren't Things.

The Most

#8- You Become Aware of the Excesses and Unnecessary Things in Your Life

Acts 27:18-20 (KJV)

¹⁸ And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;

¹⁹ And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

²⁰ And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.