The very thing you're fighting is the thing God wants to use to humble & break you.

(Humility/Pride [#061])

The very thing you're fighting

So what are you fighting? What are you resisting? That's what He's using. This is the road. You have to go through the humbling. You have to go through this breaking, if you don't, don't turn around and say it's impossible because in the end you'll have egg on your face because there's no such word.

22. I THINK THE LESSON IN THIS CASE IS "GOD'S CHESS GAME!" We're just His pieces, He puts us where He wants. It's not easy. But like Dad says in "Seven Ways to Know God's Will", the best way to know God's will is to have no will of your own! And that's the best way to accept God's will too, is not to have any will of your own & not to try to be something you're not supposed to be, but just to be what the Lord wants you to be!

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The reason it's so hard is that you're fighting against what the Lord is doing. You're not yielded. I've found that if you just face it and yield to what is happening and yield to the Lord, that it's a lot easier! It's the fighting against what's happening that makes it so bad! It's like you're saying, `I don't want it to be this way, I think it should be that way!'--And that's murmuring and a lack of yieldedness to what the Lord is doing!"

(Personal Letters! No.5 [#2979])

SO THE CHOICE IS UP TO YOU: ARE YOU GOING TO YIELD & ACCEPT WHAT THE LORD IS DOING, OR ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT AGAINST IT? Obviously it's a lot easier for you to yield, because fighting against it isn't doing you any good! It just causes you to get down & discouraged & bitter & upset & jealous & questioning & maybe getting mad at God, "Oh Lord, why are You doing this to me? Why me?"--Which doesn't bear good fruit!

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WHICH DO YOU WANT TO DO, DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST IT, OR DO YOU WANT TO YIELD & SUBMIT? Yieldedness, too, is a crucifixion & it isn't going to mean the battles are over, but at least you're not fighting against God & fighting against the Devil at the same time!

The Quotes on Trust really helped me when I was having a hard time, because that was what it amounted to--was I trusting the Lord? Was I going to trust the Lord that He was the One doing it & that things were going to work out okay?--And even for my good? As long as I would trust the Lord & just give up to the Lord & say, "I'm just going to trust You", then I did fine!

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In essence you're saying, "I know better than the Lord! My will is more important than the Lord's Will!" And when you open your heart to this, the Devil can come in like a flood, & he'll keep smashing you down. On the other hand, if you yield to Jesus, then He can control your life & give you peace & make you happy in spite of circumstances.

17. WHEN EVERYTHING'S GOING YOUR WAY, THEN YOU CAN BE A GREAT CHRISTIAN! That's the kind of situation you were in. You were flying high, you had everything!--Just like Job! But then suddenly the Lord allowed a few battles & sacrifices!

18. WE HAVE TO SEE THAT SOMETIMES THE LORD ALLOWS US TO GET IN THESE SITUATIONS TO REMIND US OR SHOW US THAT WE'RE NOT REALLY ALL THAT WONDERFUL & we're not all that great & that we're really a wreck! And He does all He can to show us that we can't get the victory. It seems like everything we do is just like stepping deeper in the quicksand, the harder we struggle the deeper we sink, & pretty soon we're just sucked under, & then the Lord has to pull us out!

19. THE LORD HAS SEEN FIT TO TAKE YOU FROM THE HEIGHTS TO THE DEPTHS! You look at it like, "I lost my wife, I lost my job, I lost my home, I lost everything!" Well, look at Job, it was the same thing, he lost everything! But see, the most important thing is that he didn't lose the Lord! The Lord knew exactly what was going on & the Lord only allowed so much to happen. And the Lord did give him the victory & blessed Job more than ever! He had to learn those things, he had to go through that to make him the kind of man he needed to be--willing, yielded, & accepting the Lord's Will over his own. Once Job learned his lesson, the Lord blessed him & He took off the pressure!

20. JOB HAD TO REALISE THAT ALL HE HAD THAT WAS ANY GOOD & THAT WAS WORTH ANYTHING WAS THE LORD! The Lord was testing him to see if he'd "set his affections on things Above, or on things of the Earth". (Col.3:2) The Lord wanted to see where his treasure was: "Lay not up for yourself treasures here on Earth", but Above! (Mat.6:19) It's all temporary anyway, our job & all of this! Look at all the people who once had WS jobs that are now on the field. Should they be angry at the Lord?--No! Does that mean the Lord loves them less?--No! It means He loves them more because He's teaching them lessons they couldn't learn any other way.--Of yieldedness, humility, faith, understanding of & compassion for others & many other things.

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(Jesus:) Ahh…Matthew 16:19… There is your key, darling. The enemy tries to snuff out your light. He is desperate to render you useless because –why?… Why would he be attacking you so viciously at every turn? Because he is desperate to stop you! He's frantic to pull you off the wall of 'yielding to My will'. He is pulling you down, pointing the finger and telling you that it's just too hard, impossible. "How can anyone be expected to give up soo much?" Your efforts are so puny and what difference do they make anyways?" "It's 'not normal' Lord, what you are requiring of me! What's really the point anyways?" But… what is loosed on Earth is your yieldedness. That is the ultimate, the goal, the prize, the vital ingredient. And it's what the enemy fights tooth and nail, constantly bombarding you to resist, to pull back, to become stubborn and rebel against My way for you. But I have equipped you for this relentless battle of self and pride versus surrender and transparency with the all-powerful Keys of the Kingdom. These hold the power. Wield them and you will cut Satan down and cast him out of your realm, the realm that you and I inhabit. This is why you must have the Keys running through your veins, through your brain, embedded in your very being. This is the ultimate test of your Earth mission, and you know the secret weapon that I have provided for you to successfully accomplish your time there. You see, I don't make it harder than you can bear. The Keys will lead and guide you into all truth. As you meld with them, they will speak to you. They will caress you as you caress them. They will respond in wonderful, amazing, miraculous ways. They will come into you and change your make-up, the way you were before, and make you how I need you to be. They will change your outlook on your not-so-desirable situation or whatever you are battling to yield to and turn it so that you will be joyed serving Me and count it a pleasure and honor to be called. One powerful little verse —just one. It holds an amazing power yet is discovered by so few.

One reason the Keys were created was to restore everything to its true and proper state. They begin by leading you, My children, through the Endtime, through the Great Tribulation, and through the tests to come, into My Heavenly Kingdom, and back to the perfection of the world as it will be in the days to come.(Following the Little Dog Line Comp)

24. IF IT'S NOT THE LORD'S WILL & HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO HAVE ALL THOSE THINGS RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE SURE NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY IF YOU HAVE THEM! If you think, "If I have everything the way I want it, I'll be happy!", you've got the wrong idea

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125. Right now it feels painful. Just to pray the prayer hurts, because right now there's not much relief in sight, even if the Lord does answer. Right now you feel like you're caught between a rock and a hard place. The battles you're feeling are difficult, but on the other hand, the victory doesn't look that great either, because victory means acceptance, yieldedness, happily taking up that cross and bearing it with a smile on your face and joy in your heart.

(Golden Victories! [#3162B])

This is the Gideon's band. I will continue to test and squeeze My band of warriors, for it is a necessary part of growth. There really is no resting place, no stopping place.

All of My creation passes through the continual sifting and purging, that is the life of the spirit. What I do in the lives of My Gideon's band is simply part of a process. So don't allow yourself to settle down, because you can be part of My Family today and tomorrow find yourself sitting beside the road. You can be a member of My Gideon's band today and tomorrow be cut down and cast into the oven. You have to constantly, continually remind yourselves that it is the water of My Word that keep that sap and juices running through your spiritual life, and that without these elements you will not continue to grow.

I know this can sound very tiring, but it is only your flesh that cries tiredness, that says it is enough and wants to quit. Your spirit, on the other hand, does not tire or grow weary in well doing. It is the spirit of a man that sustains him. My Words have the power to sustain the crushing and breakings that I allow in a man's life. When you neglect the Word, then you weaken under the stress and strain. This is why the enemy attacks your intake of My Word. He knows that if this time with Me can be snatched away, then he will win, without a doubt he will overcome. In a way you are like a plant in the field. There is always something attacking it, the sun, the wind, the rain, the bugs, the animals. That is the enemy, he's always lurking, always looking for a way to attack. Only the nutrients taken in by constant intake of My Word will give you the resistance need to resist his continual onslaught. The concept is so simple, yet millions and millions, yea billions neglect the very thing that will keep them going and growing.
(Following the Little Dog Line Comp)

Basically, you have to want it more than anything in the world and be willing to give up anything to have it. Only that kind of desperation will enable the Lord to

make you a new creature.(Changing Deeply Ingrained Habits and Mindsets [#3324])

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Sonora: You don't want this? Not even a little bit? You have no desire to yield and sacrifice all you have? Then you have to force yourself. If you really believe then that's the only thing you can do, because right now it's going to hurt. Shit happens and sometimes this is the only answer. Force yourself to read the Word and force yourself to call on the keys. HE can't give you beautiful feelings all along the way and you have let the enemy in and beat the crap out of you, so yeah, it's a walk forward or let the devil win sort of game now. Call on the keys to hold on today and then do it again tomorrow. Take hold of that sword and now fight. You force yourself in the physical and you grit your teeth when you know you have a big grueling day ahead, so do it for the spiritual now. Grit your teeth and attack the enemy. And just as those grueling exhausting days end, so will this time of barely holding on every day—it will come to an end. It will pass, but only if you force yourself to fight and to get prophecy, to cling desperately to your blue angel and to love Jesus. You don't need good feelings to do those things. You just have to determine to say yes each moment. And if the enemy comes knocking on your door with those thoughts and fears that drag you back, then push that door closed. Put your weight on it and hold it closed. Give me your hand…this is my area of fighting. I'm fighting bloody hard right now, so give me your support and let's do this together. If you can learn this from this time of backsliding, then it's worth it. If you can fight your way out of this, then the fighter you become will be worth the cost of falling.
(End)

35. Whether or not you get the victory over your problems is up to you! The main one that can get rid of the Devil is you, if you'll just put your will on God's side, resist the Enemy, resist & rebuke him! But as long as there's one little dark unyielded corner of your life that you're not willing to yield to the Lord, just one little part where the Enemy can get in at you there, like the camel's nose, he will use that one little thing to defeat you.

36. It's hard enough to fight the Devil without having to fight God too!--And that's often why we have to fight the Devil so much, because we're fighting God & the Truth as well! But if we're willing to do whatever God requires, & are yielded to Him, & make the decision that we want to be delivered, without reservations, then He never fails & always delivers!

37. But if you don't want to be delivered & your own will refuses to submit to the Lord, then the Devil has got you in a real bind. You can get the victory if you want to, if you choose to, because God's got it for you. There are oodles of promises on it, so there's absolutely no excuse for not getting the victory. The choice is up to you & your own will & spirit.--Not God or the Devil!

ATTACK! ATTACK!! ATTACK!!!

38. Once you've decided that you want the victory & you've put your will on God's side, then you've got to go on the attack & really be militant about it & resist the Enemy, & God's Word says, "He will flee from thee!"--Jam.4:7. That doesn't mean lying down & letting him walk all over you, it means facing him, attacking him & resisting him in the power of God's Spirit!

39. If you face & fight the Devil, he knows you'll win! If you fight, he knows you cannot lose & he cannot win, so he tries to scare you or discourage you into giving up the fight, to persuade you into surrendering. He tries to convince you to quit & wave the white flag of sickening surrender!--And if you stop fighting, you're giving the Devil the victory & you are finished!

40. So there's only one way to handle the Enemy, & that's to declare all-out war on him, & run him right out of the woods! The God-damned Devil is a coward, & if you face him down & resist him, he'll run every time! The Lord says, "When the Enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God will raise a Standard against him!"--Isa.59:19. What's the Standard?--The Bible, the Word of God! It's the Standard, the banner that you wave in front of the Devil's sharp pointed nose, & there's nothing that scares him like the Word! He can't take it, he can't stand the Word of God!

(Lord Is My Deliverer!, The [#2427])

22. When you come to the end of your rope--tie a knot & hold on.

23. Courage is holding on five minutes longer.

(Shtick)

111. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **There is an initial yieldedness, and that's when you stop fighting against Me and My will.** Then there is a gradual increase in yieldedness. That increase can come slowly or quickly, depending on your desperation, how much you come to Me to hear My Words and get My perspective, how much you fight your natural thoughts, and how much you put My words of instruction into practice.

112. But throughout this progression there are always battles. The Enemy doesn't give up. He fights especially hard in those moments, hours, days or however long it is before your initial yielding, because that's when he still has a chance to win, to make some serious inroad into your heart and life through outright unyieldedness or rejection. He pulls out all the stops to try to prevent that initial yielding. But no matter how much he's screaming in your ear and trying to pull you away from the truth, he can't win as long as there is the slightest yes, the littlest whisper indicating that you're giving up your own way to receive My way instead.

113. As soon as you make the tiniest move toward My will and the laying down of your own thoughts and ways, then angelic spirits and powerful Heavenly helpers are able to rush to your aid to give you the strength you need to continue down the path of yieldedness. There is an immediate turn in the battle and then you have the advantage, then you have greatly outgunned and overpowered the Enemy and you're destined to win, as long as you keep fighting.

114. Of course, the Enemy doesn't quit right then and there. He still attacks. He tries to influence your thoughts, bring negative emotions, cause bad reactions, and he especially tries to get you to feel discouraged. But if you keep fighting and advancing and tuning in to My instructions and words of encouragement, you will eventually win.

115. When you're completely rejecting My will, then the Enemy is allowed to block the transmissions that you could receive on your little radio from Me. Your rejection and unyieldedness enhance the Enemy's power to attack you. But in the moment when you say "yes," even if you're battle-weary, weak and wounded and you can barely utter the faintest cry of submission to Me, the Enemy's power is instantly pushed back and you are surrounded with a new force field of protection. That force field enables the radio frequency of the Commander in Chief to get through to you clearly and you can trust that what you hear are the correct instructions.

116. Then the more you strengthen your position of desiring to be in My perfect will, the fuller and more detailed instructions you can receive, and you will go on to victory. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(My Jealousy Battles--and Victories! [#-])

156. Faith, true faith, is able to quench all the fiery darts of the Enemy (Eph.6:16). That is how powerful I've made your ability to hang on to Me. I've given you the power of your will. The makeup of your will contains potency as strong as steel. When you make the decision to hang on to Me no matter what, that is a very potent conscious decision. It is an act of your will. It is a conscious, deliberate choice in the spirit world that you've made to hang on to Me no matter what.

157. You've decided you aren't going to listen to other thoughts. You are going to reject any thought that attempts to pry you away from your choice. You will consider any thought that tries to remove you from Me as an affront to your personal choice. Your personal choice is inviolable. It is sacred.

158. I have given you the absolute power of freedom of choice. That means that your power or ability to choose what you are going to believe and what you are going to put your faith in and what you are going to hang on to is more powerful than any possible attempt to pry you away from that choice. If your faith in Me is rock solid, then absolutely **nothing** can change that, without your decision to let it change.

159. So once you choose to hang on to Me, you have cast your anchor into the Rock, and nothing can move you from that point on--not if you choose to not let it. The choice is yours. That's how strong I've made your free will. That's why, in the end, there will be no excuses. Everyone will plainly see that they simply made the choices that resulted in their spiritual state. I let you make your own choices, and I don't override them. The freedom to choose is My gift of love to you.

(Nothing Is Too Hard For Jesus! [#3658])

The enemy will send everything he has to get you down and to drag you away from your commission and you may at times have to physically force yourself to just keep going—remembering the goal and the Words that He has spoken to you in your times of love. Remembering that He promised and He will be faithful to His Word. You have to fill yourself up with these promises and have nothing else running through your mind or you simply won't have the courage to keep going each day. We of the warrior band know how hard it is…we know of the desperate fight and of the attacks of the enemy. We know and now more than ever because all of us have felt the battle intensify…we have felt the loss of our brothers and sisters and we know how hot the battle rages. Do you know? Well, if you don't yet, you will…as you fight for your faith these coming years.(Make It Through To The Other Side)

Just as hard days always pass and devastating events end so will this time in your life pass

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You have to see what you are missing out on. When you refuse to yield to the Lord and linger in your vices, you are only living half a life. You have to see that it's killing your spiritual life and you become unable to lift a finger to help anyone…even yourself and own life is going down the drain. Maybe because there isn't much pressing you right now and you just feel bored, and like what's the point of being strong and being fit in spirit, but even here in the wilderness there are your siblings that are struggling on their different fronts and your draggy spirit isn't going to help them much. And I'll tell you right now that this land isn't the end…here the enemy has conditioned your mind to feel so hopeless and like the things will never change so you don't put any effort to being strong spiritually. You remember in the other house, how witnessing really kept you desperate so you could be the sample you were supposed to be, but that conviction has slipped away and now you are barely holding on. You feel there's no motivation to be strong spiritually but the distance between you and your spirit helpers is only growing and as much as you think it won't happen, you will end up in the system. The Lord wants you to wake up and realize the enemy's trying his best to sap your life away with distractions until that's all you're living for. Those distractions have top priority and your spirit is growing weaker and weaker… are you satisfied living that sort of life? It's hard to see right now because you are right in the middle of the sacrifice, but call on the keys of BRAKES to stop you in the tracks and shake you up. You are going to have to forsake this, because your life is being drained by it. Do you want to just continue to live an imaginary world, because you can't muster up the guts to live in the real one? Yes, it is a bloody fight, every day, but this world and its sorrow is not the end. And once you pass from this life the condition of your spirit really matters. This life is not the end, so fight for your spirit and know that every day when you choose not to yield, you are getting further and further away from Jesus. Are you ok with that? He's not just trying to torture you with so many sacrifices, but He's trying to make someone who can be like Him to help to lift up in prayer this pitiful and sick world. It's really sad, and if you are sinking down in it like

everybody else then you can't help them and you are filled with darkness rather than light. Instead of shinning blue and gold you are being filled with the dark…hold on with all your strength and then look up and you'll see Jesus holding onto you with all His strength. I love you so much even if ur messed up…He has come to save that which is lost…

It is possible to be strengthened, even if you are severely weakened in spirit, and you will be strengthened if you choose to be.

(So You Want to Be a Disciple? For God's Sake Be the Best! [#3458])

162. When you choose to cast your lot in with Me, whether you live or die in doing so, like Job, I will eventually come through for you and make you better off than before; and in the process I will take the attack and break it in two in My hands, for **you**, My love. Because if you love Me enough to stand by Me no matter what, I consider that stand one of the most precious things in My sight, and when the time is right I will take off My belt and thrash the opponent that so plagued you.

(Nothing Is Too Hard For Jesus! [#3658])

If you want to keep going forward, if you want to be the man that the Lord wants and that I need you to be, there's no other way to the Promised Land but through this fire. It'll burn off the dross, the outer trappings, the beautiful image, the "strong general" figure. What'll be left will be just what the Lord and I need! You might feel naked and half dead, but it won't last forever. Remember the woman who repeated to herself, "It came to pass, it didn't come to stay," when she was hit with temptations and tests. *(See Good Thots, pg.1579, #14.)*

It comes to pass. It won't last forever. The Promised Land is in view, you just have to trust your Husband. He loves you more than anybody else ever could, and He's only asking this of you because He knows that deep down you want to keep growing, you want to keep serving Him in the most useful capacity possible. He's so pleased with you because of your love for Him, and believe me, He's going to be there through every moment, like He always is.(Weakness Revolution--How You Can Make It!, The--Part 2 [#3218B])

93. The Lord only uses people who have been humbled, broken, melted & remade!

(Humility/Pride [#061])

We want to be used? Yes, so you have to stay here and you have to walk this road. AND WHATEVER IS GIVING YOU THE HARDEST TIME IS WHAT HE'S USING TO HUMBLE YOU.

IF YOU RESIST THAT THEN YOU ARE RESISTING GOD. GOD'S HAND—THAT'S IT—THAT'S THE HARD LINE.

(Podcast May 26th Humility /Pride)

32. Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, until the sun goes down. And this is all that life really is.--Robert Louis Stevenson

(Shtick)

I bleed, but it feels good.
(King Arthur's Nights, Chapter 23 [#0522])

Well, it has happened that way so many times, that God takes all of this, and weaving together with His precious hands, He makes the most beautiful tapestry of life out of just such broken times, such broken threads. There is an old saying that, "God's way up is down," and that certainly is the truth, that when we go down, we learn some needed lessons!
It is out of seeming defeats that have come such real victories! Some have only a few strands of life left: health gone, body broken, yet they determine not to be defeated. And with fingers of faith they have woven those broken strands of life into some of the most beautiful patterns in all the tapestry of life.
We're broken, humbled, and our hearts softened in the loss, in the defeat, and then, gripping God afresh, we climb up again to greater victory! Sometimes when seemingly defeated, we find that it's the very last key on the ring that opens the lock to victory!

(Victory Out of Defeat! [#027])

If you'll trust Him, He can make melody out of one string!--Even if the others are all gone.

(Faith & Trust [#031])