



Perplexed, But Not In Despair

II Cor 10:3-8

Story: Start as the Pastor of FWBT, Preaching different churches
Intern at PBC, receiving a call to preach FWBT
God spoke to my heart, “This is where you will spend your life”

Never despair, but if you do, work on in despair.

Preacher – Cast down, but not destroyed
Means = Knocked down, but not knocked out

God likes athletics – Gen 1:1 “In the Big Inning”

I Cor 9:24 “run in a race”

Eph 6:12 “for we wrestle not against flesh and blood”

I Cor 9:25 “strive for the mastery”

Athletic Verses

*2 Cor 4:8-9 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;*

1. Troubled but not distressed

Wrestling term, pressed but on pinned

Some of you have your shoulders against the mat today, but you don't have to be pinned

God did not say he would keep you off the mat

He did say you do not have to lose the match

2. Perplexed but not in despair

Football player, no way thru the line but he finds a way

God says times in your life you will not know the way

But you can always find a way

3. Persecuted but not forsaken

Track term, fall behind but you can still finish the race

Story – Olympic Race, man pulled a muscle, his father helped him finish

Fallen behind, but you still finish the race

4. Cast down, but not destroyed

Boxing term – Knocked down, but no knocked out

God is Saying: “If you are pinned, its your fault”

You don’t have to get pinned

“If you don’t find a way, its your fault”

Because there is a way

“You might stumble, but if you don’t finish the race, its your fault”

Everyone stumbles, but you can keep going

“You might get knocked down, but you don’t have to stay down:

You get beat up, don’t you don’t have to get knocked out

Conclusion

2 Cor 10:8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

The problem is not Trying and Failing

But Failing to Try

I need to boast on the fact that has given me the power to get back up

God does not want to destroy me, He wants me to just keep going