

FIGHTING DISCOURAGEMENT

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- ▶ Disappointment – sadness, unhappiness or displeasure caused by the non-fulfillment of one’s hopes or expectations.
 - ▶ A “let down” – The failure of something expected to happen

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▶ **Discouragement**

- ▶ A loss of confidence or enthusiasm; dispiritedness
- ▶ Dissatisfaction with the past; distaste for the present; distrust of the future
- ▶ *Ingratitude* for blessings of yesterday
- ▶ *Indifference* to opportunities today
- ▶ *Insecurity* regarding success for tomorrow

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- ▶ We are all consumed by a call – called out of the natural world into the spiritual world.

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Psalm 34:17-20

- 17** The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18** The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
- 19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
- 20** He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

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II Corinthians 10:5

⁵ But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Isaiah 41:10

¹⁰ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

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II Corinthians 4:8-9

- 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;