Cheering You On:
5 Reasons Why Anything Is Possible with God

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Introduction

At some point, all of us will face a challenge, have a dream, feel a little tired, fight a battle, or take a new step. In each of those situations, we need someone to give us courage, support, truth, grace, and hope.

The words on these pages will cheer you on in your journey. They’ll help you keep moving forward in God’s plan. They’ll remind you He’s relentlessly for you and nothing is impossible for you today.

Life is full of obstacles and transitions, goals and victories, setbacks and reasons to celebrate. God is with us in each of those moments. Nothing is too small for Him to notice, and nothing is too big for Him to handle.

Take these words to heart. Share them with the people you love. Go into whatever God has next for you knowing you are always loved and never alone.

Jesus said, “All things are possible with God” (Mark 10:27).

—Holley
Fear Can’t Win

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand.

ISAIAH 41:10

God, You have compassion for us when we are afraid, and yet You also give us courage beyond what we could ever have on our own. You make us brave and fill us with everything we need to accomplish Your purposes. Fear can’t hold us back. We are moving forward with You. Amen.

When God says, “Don’t be afraid,” it’s almost always spoken to or for someone who is already afraid.

Israelite armies about to go into battle (Deuteronomy 20:1-4).

Mary being startled by an unexpected angel (Luke 1:30).

The apostle Paul facing a serious storm (Acts 27:23-26).

In other words, when God says “Don’t be afraid,” it is most often offered as a reassurance, not issued as a command. He’s not saying, “Don’t ever feel fear.” He’s saying, “Here’s why you don’t have to stay afraid.”

“Do not fear, for I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10).

“Do not fear, I will help you” (Isaiah 41:13).

“Do not fear...I have called you by your name; you are Mine” (Isaiah 43:1).

It’s the kind of language a parent would use to comfort a child who’s afraid of the dark. A compassionate mom or dad knows their little one is going to be okay, but they give words that soothe hearts and calm minds anyway. That’s the kind of love God offers us today.
God is With You

The LORD will protect your coming and going both now and forever.
PSALM 121:8

God, You are with us in every moment of our lives.
We are never out of Your sight, never beyond Your care, always in Your presence. Thank You that even though we don’t know what may happen, we can be certain of who will get us through whatever comes next. Amen.

God sees every detail of our lives. He’s been with us in every step we’ve ever taken. This reassures me. None of us knows what’s ahead. There are certain to be blessings and moments of happiness. There will also be hard days and tears shed. Some parts of our lives will stay the same and others, like it or not, will inevitably change.

Whatever may transpire, God will watch over it all. Every coming and going. Every beginning and end. Every dream come true and every heartbreak. He has done this for all of history. He is doing so today. He will continue to do so every day of this new year. Yes, every day of our whole lives.

We may not know what is ahead of us, but we can be absolutely certain of Who is with us. We are not random passengers, nameless and unknown in the crowd of humanity. We are beloved children of the God who breathed life into our lungs and who numbers every hair on our heads. Let’s go forward boldly with the confidence that all things are possible and, in the end, all will be well.
We can trust God’s plan in our lives even when we have no idea what our future may hold.

—Shelly Wildman
When we’re afraid, our natural tendency is to hide. We physically or emotionally retreat to where it feels safer. I’ve done this by literally diving under the covers in my bedroom. Or I’ve hidden my heart by putting on a smiling face when I felt broken inside.

God knows this tendency we have as humans, and He doesn’t tell us not to hide. We aren’t in trouble for this instinct. What God does want to change is where and how we hide. God Himself wants to be our “hiding place.”

A hiding place is a shelter. It’s a space of security. It’s a location where we feel loved. When God says He is our hiding place, it means we are always welcome in His presence. “Open door, open heart” is one of my grandma’s favorite sayings. It seems God extends a similar offer to us.

Whatever we’re facing, we can come to God with it. He is our strength and security. He gives us courage and makes us brave. His love and truth are bigger and stronger than anything we fear.

For You are my hiding place;
You protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of victory.

PSALM 32:7 NLT

God, we can always go to You and trust that You will be a safe place for our hurts and our hearts, our victories and stumbles, our dreams and deepest desires. You are our ultimate security and we trust You with everything we are, with all we have. Amen.
Help
Is on the Way

Therefore, we may boldly say,
The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
HEBREWS 13:6

God, You are the Helper who is always with us,
always for us, always working on our behalf.
We pray that we would reflect Your heart
by helping others too. Show us our
divine assignments today. Amen.

In the documentary Won’t You Be My Neighbor? beloved television personality Mr. Rogers says, “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’ ” The film makes it clear he not only looked for the helpers, but chose to become one.

We all have our own way of helping. Maybe you teach, lead, raise children, or make beautiful art. Maybe you’re walking with someone you love through a hard season so they won’t be alone in it. Maybe you pray in the quiet when no one is watching. This is all helping. Never underestimate the worth of it.

And the reassuring truth we all need is that God is a helper too—and more than that, He is our helper. On the days when we become a bit tired, when it all seems like too much, He says to us, “I will strengthen you and help you” (Isaiah 41:10 NLT). Fred Rogers, an ordained minister, knew this to be true.

Let’s keep looking for the helpers. Let’s keep being the helpers too.
God is with us in our waiting, working all things for our good and His glory.

-KAITLYN BOUCHILLON
You’re Cheered On

We have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.
1 JOHN 4:16

God, You have brought us so far, and You promise that You will continue to be with us every step of the way. Thank You that we are never alone and always loved. Our lives are in Your hands, and You will carry out Your purpose and plans for us. Amen.

Pause for a moment and think back on how far you’ve already come. Remember the obstacles you once thought would block your way. Think of the times you wanted to quit and how you took one more step. Picture the battles where you were knocked down and got back up again.

Those are not small things. They are significant victories. They are reasons to celebrate. And what God has already done in your life, He will continue to do.

God will continue to make you an overcomer.
He will continue to help you persevere.
He will continue to take you by the hand and pick you up every single time.

There is nothing that can defeat you. There is no one who can stand against you when God is on your side. There will never be a situation or a circumstance that can take you out of God’s hands. You have hope and a future.

God will continue to work out His plans for you. He will always love you. He will always be for you, forever cheering you on.