The Sword and More

Ephesians 6:17

Ephesians 6:17 - [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Opposition will never go away and God will use it for His glory and to teach us

“God never uses anyone greatly until He tests them deeply.” – A.W. Tozer

Romans 5:3-5 - 3 And not only *this*, but [with joy] let us exult in our sufferings *and* rejoice in our hardships, knowing that hardship (distress, pressure, trouble) produces patient endurance; 4 and endurance, proven character (spiritual maturity); and proven character, hope *and* confident assurance [of eternal salvation]. 5 Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints *us*, because God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (AMP)

James 1:2-4 - 2 Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. 3 Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace].
4 And let endurance have its perfect result *and* do a thorough work, so that you may be perfect and completely developed [in your faith], lacking in nothing. (AMP)

Hebrews 4:12 - 12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (NLT)

To use the Word of God we must know the Word of God, it must be in our heart and knowing the Word of God and quoting it should increase our faith

When you or I quote Scripture when we pray, we are not reminding God of His promises, we are reminding ourselves

God does not need to be reminded and stirred to action, but he does desire to know that we not only know His Word but actually believe His Word

Heb. 11:6 - 6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

You might not always get what you want, but you always get what you expect. – Spurgeon

There is power and authority in the name of Jesus; it is our only source of power and authority

I think one mistake Christians can is that we think that the devil is subject to us because of our name, Christian (Luke 10:17 – “In Your name…”)

Acts 3:6 - 6 Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Acts 16:18 - 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.

Luke 10:20 – “Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven”

Jesus refocuses their eyes on what was important; there is no power, without a powerful relationship

I'm not afraid of the devil. The devil can handle me - he's got judo I never heard of. But he can't handle the One to whom I'm joined; he can't handle the One to whom I'm united; he can't handle the One whose nature dwells in my nature – A.W. Tozer

We owe everything to the blood of Christ

Colossians 1:19-20 - [19] For it pleased the *Father* for all the fullness [of deity—the sum total of His essence, all His perfection, powers, and attributes] to dwell [permanently] in Him (the Son), [20] and through [the intervention of] the Son to reconcile all things to Himself, making peace [with believers] through the blood of His cross; through Him, [I say,] whether things on earth or things in heaven. (AMP)

Revelation 12:11 – 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

To plead the blood of Jesus is to acknowledge our hope and source of strength and access to all the promises, blessings and help of God is in Christ Jesus and His redemptive work on the cross

“The word of their testimony” – I believe and stand on what God’s Word has said and what Jesus' blood has bought for me

2 Corinthians 1:20 - “For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason, we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God.” (AMP)

Romans 8:31-32 - 31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? (NLT)

Romans 8:37 – 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. (NLT)