

THE POWER OF AGONY

CHRIST'S POWER PERFECTED IN WEAKNESS



“FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH.”

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

“FOR WHEN I AM WEAK,
THEN AM I STRONG.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:10

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

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AGENDA



1 THE GOOD FIGHT
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2 WEAKNESS
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THE GOOD FIGHT

THE CALL

“FIGHT THE GOOD
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1 TIMOTHY 6:12

THE TESTIMONY

“I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.”

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

FROM THE CALL TO FIGHT FAITHFULLY
TO THE TESTIMONY OF A FINISHED COURSE



The Word Family of *Agon* {ἀγών}



Root: Derived from *ago* ἄγω (to lead, drive, or bring). Originally meant an assembly or public game, evolving into the concept of an intense struggle or contest.



Where we get our English word “**agony**”



CRITICAL LEXICON E.W. BULLINGER

Agon (*n*), Agonia (*n*), Agonizomai (*v*)



Fight (noun): place of assembly where games were celebrated, hence, place of contest, then, a conflict in the public games, and after, any contest

AGŌN (noun) in Paul's Letters



Php 1:30 – Having the same **conflict** which ye saw in me...



Col 2:1 – What great **conflict** I have for you...



1Th 2:2 – The gospel of God with much **contention**.



1Ti 6:12 – **Fight** the good **fight** of faith.



2Ti 4:7 – I have **fought** the good **fight**.



Heb 12:1 – Let us run with patience the **race** that is set before us.



One Greek word — **conflict • contention • fight • race**



AGONIZOMAI (verb) in Scripture



Lk 13:24 – **Strive** to enter in at the strait gate.



Jn 18:36 – Then would my servants **fight**.



1Co 9:25 – Every man that **striveth for the mastery** is temperate in all things.



Col 1:29 – I also labour, **striving** according to his working.



Col 4:12 – Always labouring **fervently** for you in prayers.



1Ti 6:12 – **Fight** the good fight of faith.



2Ti 4:7 – I have **fought** a good fight.

◆◆ agōnizomai — strive • fight • compete • wrestle ◆◆



AGŌNIA (noun) in Luke 22:44



Lk 22:44 – And being in an **agony**, he prayed more earnestly...



Prayed more earnestly – the struggle drove Him to prayer.



Great drops of blood – the physical mark of extreme anguish.

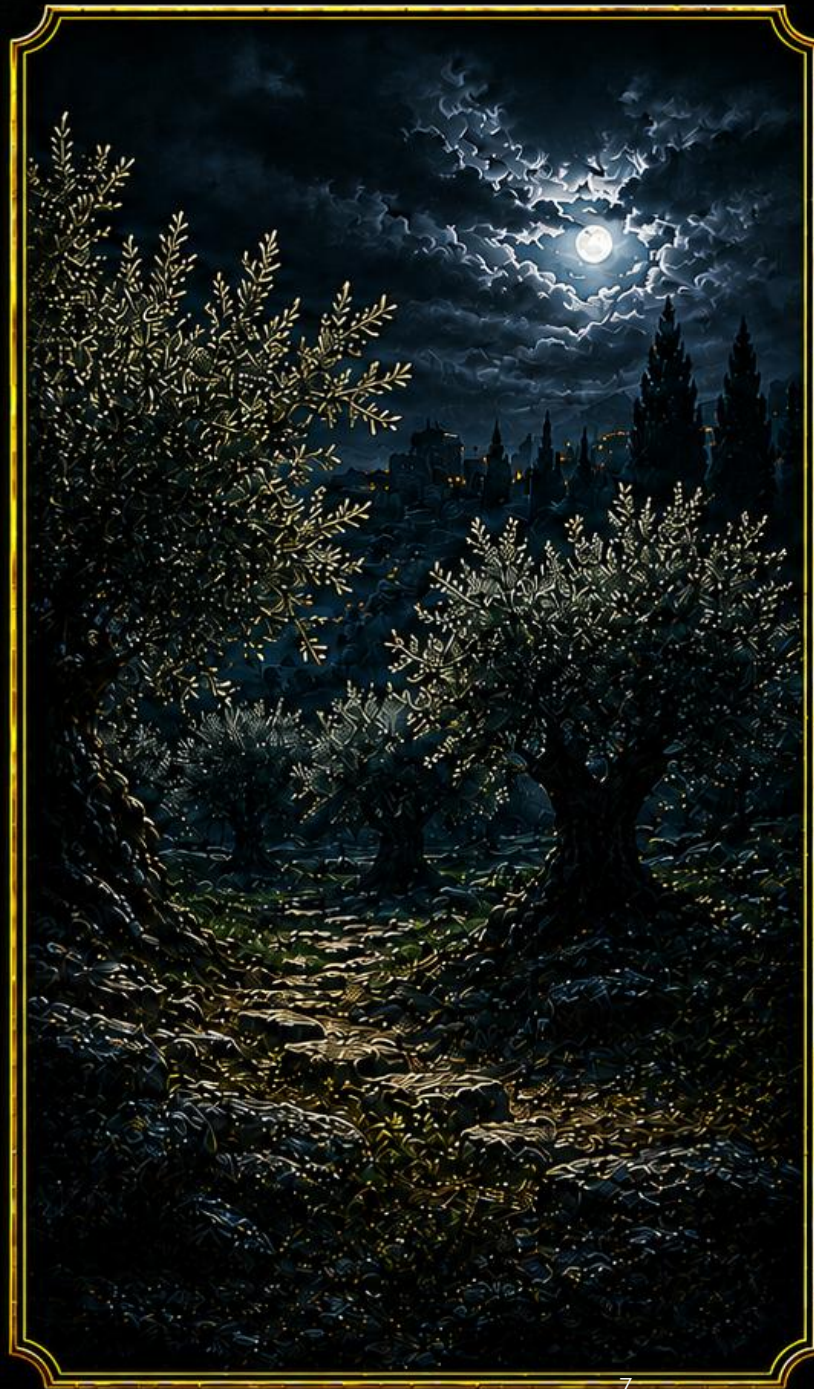


Not my will – submission in the midst of overwhelming pressure.



Strengthened for the cross – victory began before Calvary.

◆ agōnia — agony • intense struggle • earnest conflict ◆



DARBY TRANSLATION

THE CALL

“STRIVE EARNESTLY
IN THE GOOD CONFLICT
OF FAITH.”

1 TIMOTHY 6:12



THE TESTIMONY

“I HAVE COMBATED THE GOOD COMBAT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.”

2 TIMOTHY 4:7



FROM GOOD CONFLICT
TO GOOD COMBAT

PRESSED

STREAMS IN THE DESERT • MAY 18

2 CORINTHIANS 1:8–9

Pressed out of measure and pressed to all length;

Pressed so intensely it seems, beyond strength;

Pressed in the body and pressed in the soul,

Pressed in the mind till the dark surges roll.

Pressure by foes, and a pressure from friends.

Pressure on pressure, till life nearly ends.

Pressed into knowing no helper but God;

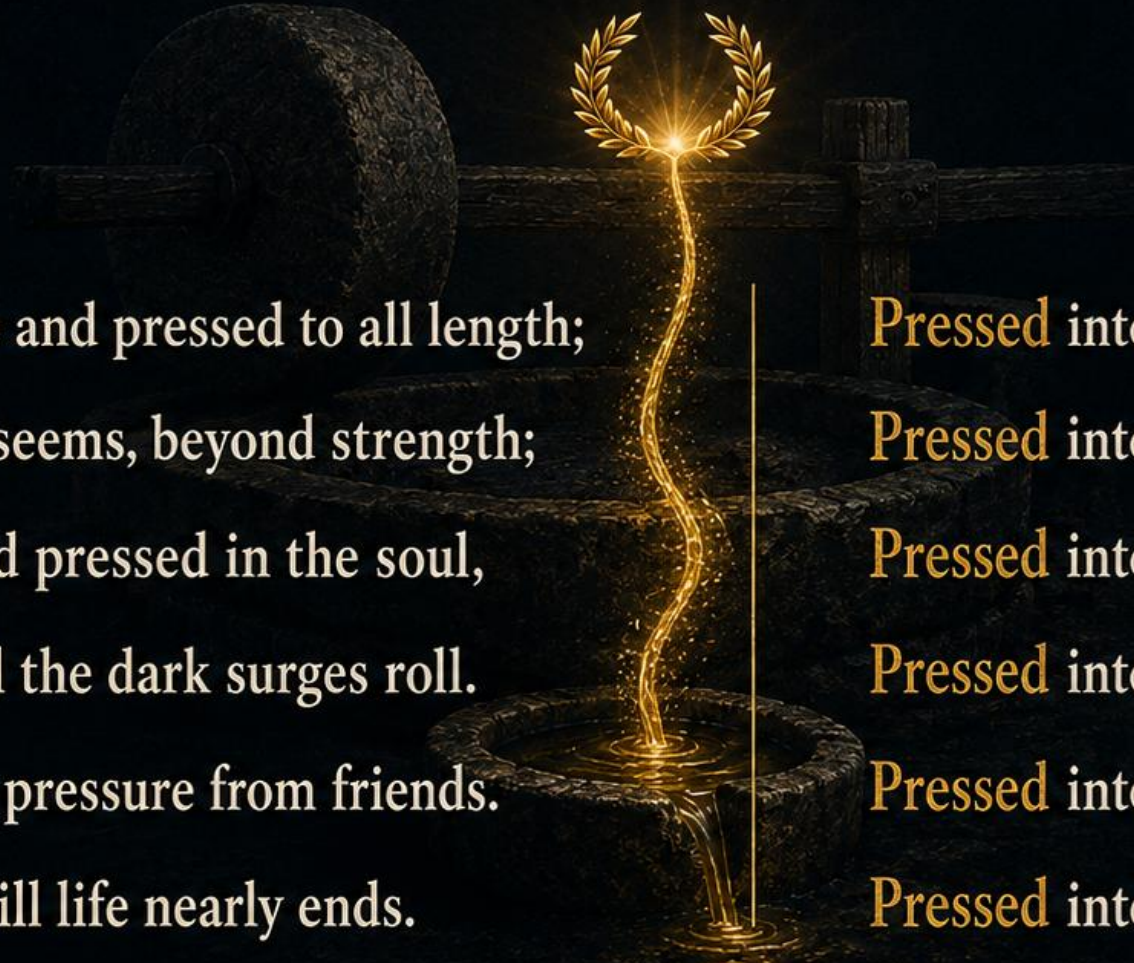
Pressed into loving the staff and the rod.

Pressed into liberty where nothing clings;

Pressed into faith for impossible things.

Pressed into living a life in the Lord,

Pressed into living a Christ-life outpoured.



THE PRESSED WAY

STREAMS IN THE DESERT • MAY 18

GETHSEMANE

ARAMAIC: "OLIVE PRESS"



MATTHEW 7:14

"NARROW IS THE WAY."

NARROW = PRESSED • COMPRESSED



THE PSALMS

"TIMES OF TROUBLE" — PSALM 9:9

"MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS" — PSALM 34:19

THE COMPRESSED PATH LEAVES LITTLE ROOM
FOR **SELF-WILL**—ALMOST AS IF IT IS BEING PRESSED OUT OF US.



THE PRESSED WAY

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 7:14 • KJV

“BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY,
WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.”

PSALM 9:9 • KJV

“THE LORD ALSO WILL BE A REFUGE FOR THE OPPRESSED,
A REFUGE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.”

PSALM 34:19 • KJV

“MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS:
BUT THE LORD DELIVERETH HIM OUT OF THEM ALL.”

THE CHRISTIAN WALK IS A CONTEST

A CONTEST • A RACE • A COMBAT • A FIGHT

1



FIGHTING
TEMPTATION

ROMANS 7

WE FEEL WEAK

THE TWOFOLD STRUGGLE

2



ENDURING
GOD'S TESTING

HE SHAPES US
THROUGH PRESSURE

WE FEEL WEAK

BOTH LEAD TO
DEPENDENCE
ON GOD



“WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG.”

THE WORD “WEAK”

ἀσθενέω

ASTHENEŌ

to be weak • without strength

“For when I am weak,
then I am powerful.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:10 (DARBY)



THE WORD FAMILY OF ASTHENEŌ



ἀσθενέω

ONE ROOT • THREE GRAMMATICAL FORMS



ASTHENĒS	(adj.)		ἀσθενής
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ASTHENEIA	(n.)		ἀσθένεια
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ASTHENEŌ	(v.)		ἀσθενέω
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ADJECTIVE • NOUN • VERB



A-STHENEŌ

A- + STHENOS = ASTHENEŌ

A- = WITHOUT

STHENOS = STRENGTH

ASTHENEŌ = TO BE WEAK

weak • feeble • powerless

Lacking human strength—made **strong in Christ**.



OUR FLESH IS WEAK



“the weakness of your flesh”

ROMANS 6:19 (DARBY)

“sympathize with our weaknesses”

HEBREWS 4:15 (RSV)

TEMPTED AS WE ARE—YET WITHOUT SIN.
JESUS UNDERSTANDS OUR WEAKNESS

OUR FLESH IS WEAK

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 6:19 • DARBY

“I SPEAK HUMANLY ON ACCOUNT OF THE WEAKNESS OF YOUR FLESH.
FOR EVEN AS YE HAVE YIELDED YOUR MEMBERS IN BONDAGE TO
UNCLEANNES AND TO LAWLESSNESS UNTO LAWLESSNESS,
SO NOW YIELD YOUR MEMBERS IN BONDAGE TO
RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO HOLINESS.”

HEBREWS 4:15 • RSV

“FOR WE HAVE NOT A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE TO
SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESSES, BUT ONE WHO IN EVERY
RESPECT HAS BEEN TEMPTED AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN.”

THE WILDERNESS

1

TEMPTED

2

ANSWERED
WITH
GOD'S WORD

3

RETURNED
IN THE POWER
OF THE SPIRIT



LUKE 4:1-14

TEMPTED—YET VICTORIOUS



THE WILDERNESS

SCRIPTURE READING • LUKE 4

TEMPTED

LUKE 4:1-2 • KJV

“AND JESUS BEING FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST RETURNED FROM JORDAN, AND WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS, BEING FORTY DAYS TEMPTED OF THE DEVIL. AND IN THOSE DAYS HE DID EAT NOTHING: AND WHEN THEY WERE ENDED, HE AFTERWARD HUNGERED.”

ANSWERED WITH GOD’S WORD

LUKE 4:4 • KJV

“AND JESUS ANSWERED HIM, SAYING, IT IS WRITTEN, THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.”

LUKE 4:8 • KJV

“AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE.”

LUKE 4:12 • KJV

“AND JESUS ANSWERING SAID UNTO HIM, IT IS SAID, THOU SHALT NOT TEMPT THE LORD THY GOD.”

RETURNED IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

LUKE 4:14 • KJV

“AND JESUS RETURNED IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT INTO GALILEE: AND THERE WENT OUT A FAME OF HIM THROUGH ALL THE REGION ROUND ABOUT.”

GETHSEMANE

- 1 PRAYS TO THE FATHER
 - 2 FACES THE TRIAL
 - 3 STRENGTHENED BY AN ANGEL
 - 4 IN AGONY, PRAYS MORE EARNESTLY
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“Not my will, but thine, be done.”

LUKE 22:42-44



GETHSEMANE

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 22:42 • KJV

“SAYING, FATHER, IF THOU BE WILLING, REMOVE THIS CUP FROM ME: NEVERTHELESS **NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE, BE DONE.**”

LUKE 22:43 • KJV

“AND THERE APPEARED AN ANGEL UNTO HIM FROM HEAVEN, **STRENGTHENING HIM.**”

LUKE 22:44 • KJV

“AND BEING IN AN AGONY HE **PRAYED MORE EARNESTLY:** AND HIS SWEAT WAS AS IT WERE GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD FALLING DOWN TO THE GROUND.”

POWER THROUGH WEAKNESS

CRUCIFIED
THROUGH
WEAKNESS



LIVES BY THE
POWER OF
GOD

“My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

2 CORINTHIANS 13:4 • KJV

“FOR THOUGH HE WAS CRUCIFIED THROUGH WEAKNESS,
YET HE LIVETH BY THE POWER OF GOD:

FOR WE ALSO ARE WEAK IN HIM,
BUT WE SHALL LIVE WITH HIM BY THE POWER OF GOD TOWARD YOU.”

TEMPTATION AND SUCCOUR

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 • KJV

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

HEBREWS 2:18 • KJV

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

SUCCOUR

HEBREWS 2:18 • KJV

“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”

**HE SUFFERED
BEING TEMPTED**



**HE IS ABLE TO
SUCCOUR THE TEMPTED**

BULLINGER'S CRITICAL LEXICON

“To run up at a cry for help; to advance in aid of any one; to succour, help, aid.”

CHRIST UNDERSTANDS OUR STRUGGLE—AND RUNS TO OUR AID.

EKBASIS

ESCAPE — OR THE OUTCOME?

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 • KJV

“...BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION
ALSO MAKE A WAY TO **ESCAPE**,
THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO **BEAR IT**.”

IF THE TRIAL IS **ESCAPED**,
WHY MUST IT STILL BE **BORNE**?

EKBASIS

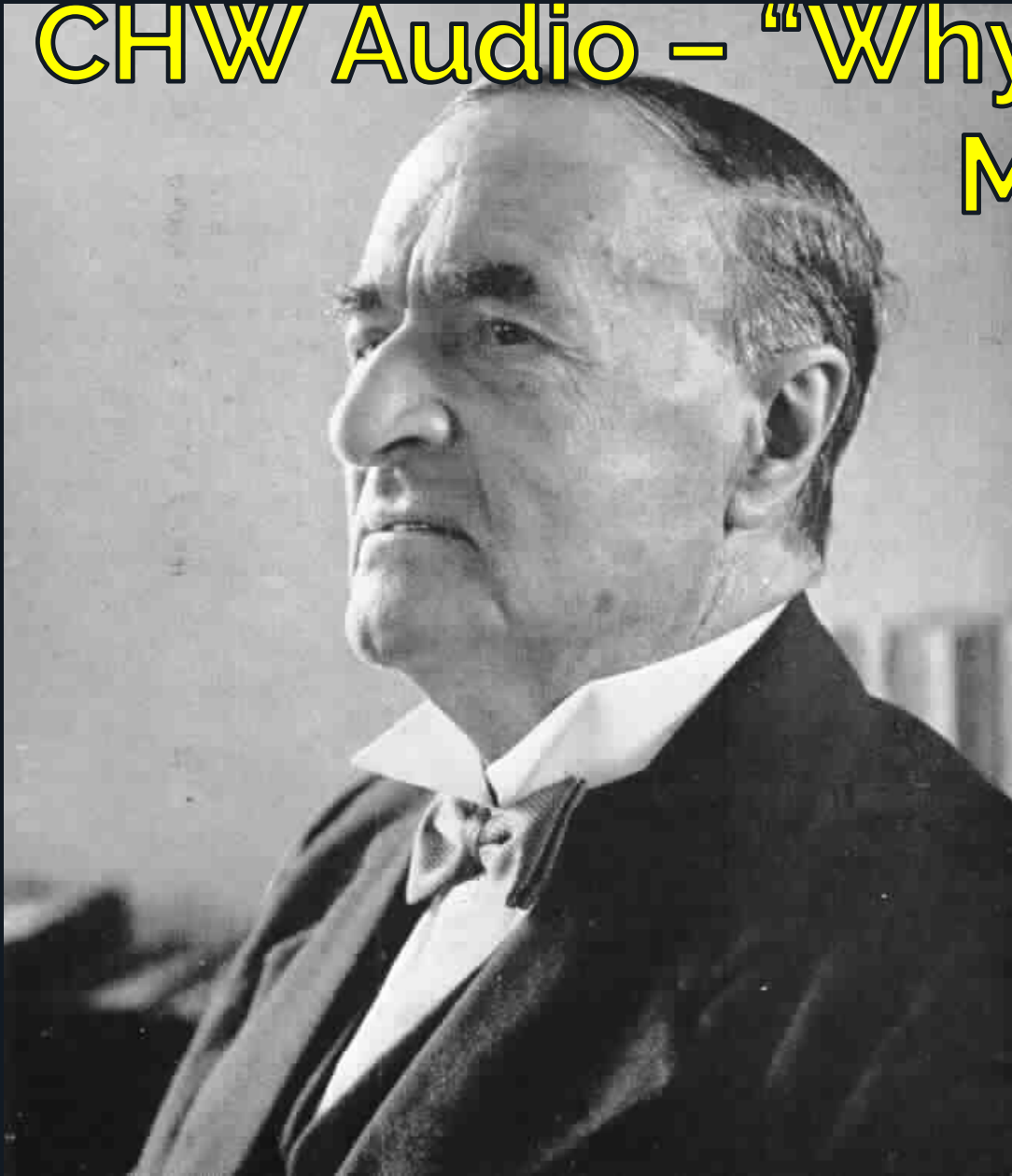
THE **OUTCOME** • THE ISSUE (RESULT) • THE **END**

HEBREWS 13:7 • KJV

“...WHOSE FAITH FOLLOW,
CONSIDERING THE **END** OF
THEIR CONVERSATION.”

THE END REACHED THROUGH **ENDURANCE**

CHW Audio – “Why is This Happening to Me”?



TRIALS • TESTING • APPROVAL

JAMES 1:12-15 • KJV

12 Blessed is the man that endureth **temptation**: for when he is **tried**, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

TEMPTATION
PEIRASMOS

TRIED
DOKIMOS



13 Let no man say when he is **tempted**, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither **tempteth** he any man:

14 But every man is **tempted**, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

TRIAL ENDURED → PERSON APPROVED



THE BOW PUT TO THE TEST

A CLASSICAL GREEK PICTURE

The Greek word family behind 'temptation' in James 1:12 is used in Homer's Odyssey for:

MAKING TRIAL OF THE BOW

The bow was placed under actual tension to discover what it could do.

PEIRA — a trial or attempt

PEIRĒTIZŌ — to make trial

PEIRAZŌ — to test or put to the proof

PEIRASMOS — the testing experience

PEIRASMOS PUTS US UNDER ACTUAL PRESSURE.

HOMER • ODYSSEY 21:124, 135

— JAMES 1:12 • KJV —

Blessed is the man that endureth **TEMPTATION**: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.



THE COIN PROVED GENUINE

AN ANCIENT-WORLD PICTURE

Coins could be shaved down or counterfeited. Honest money-changers examined the coins and accepted only those that were genuine and full weight.

BARNHOUSE WRITES:

“Such men were called **DOKIMOS**.”

DOKIMAZŌ — to examine or prove

DOKIMOS — approved after examination

ADOKIMOS — disapproved or rejected

— JAMES 1:12 • KJV —

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is **TRIED**, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

— 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 • KJV —

Study to shew thyself **APPROVED** unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

— **DOKIMOS IS THE APPROVAL THAT FOLLOWS TESTING.** —

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS



CHRIST SUFFERED
BEING TEMPTED

HEBREWS 2:18

ONE GREEK FAMILY:
SUFFER • SUFFERINGS

PAUL DESIRED THE
FELLOWSHIP OF
HIS SUFFERINGS

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

CONFORMED TO HIS SUFFERINGS

HIS SUFFERING BECOMES THE PATTERN FOR OUR WALK.

467. Is Ph'p 3:11 the hope of the church?

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Philippians 3:11 • KJV

Not very likely. It was something to be attained by Paul. He was not sure that he had attained to it.

So it could not be the resurrection which is the hope of the church.

In its context, it is much more likely that this is a part of a spiritual experience Paul is longing for, very closely related to **knowing Christ and His sufferings.**

PAUSE — WHERE WE ARE

1 THE GOOD FIGHT ✓
AGŌN

2 WEAKNESS ✓
ASTHENEIA

3 POWER
DYNAMIS NEXT

4 FROM MILK TO STRONG MEAT
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THE AGŌN EXPOSES OUR WEAKNESS.
NEXT, CHRIST'S POWER WITHIN THE STRUGGLE.

THE WORD “POWER”

δύναμις

DYNAMIS

power • strength • ability

“that the **power** of **Christ**
may rest upon me.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 • KJV

THE WORD FAMILY OF DYNAMIS



δύναμις

ONE FAMILY • THREE GRAMMATICAL FORMS



DYNATOS	(<i>adj.</i>)		δυνατός
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DYNAMIS	(<i>n.</i>)		δύναμις
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DYNAMAI	(<i>v.</i>)		δύναμαι
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ADJECTIVE • NOUN • VERB



2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 • KJV

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.



2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 • KJV

And he said unto me, My grace
is sufficient for thee: for

INDICATIVE

**my strength is made perfect
in weakness.**

Most gladly therefore will I rather
glory in my infirmities,

SUBJUNCTIVE

**that the power of Christ
may rest upon me.**



HEBREWS 5:12-14

SCRIPTURE READING

- 12** “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.”
- 13** “For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.”
- 14** “But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”



WHAT IS GOD PRODUCING?

AGONY

WEAKNESS

TESTING

POWER

MATURITY

MILK OR STRONG MEAT?



MILK
NEEDS INSTRUCTION



STRONG MEAT
BELONGS TO THE MATURE

— BY REASON OF USE —

HEBREWS 5:12–14

EXERCISED FACULTIES



BY REASON OF USE

HEBREWS 5:14

KNOWING VS WALKING



KNOWING

HEAR
LEARN
RECEIVE



WALKING

DISCERN
CHOOSE
ENDURE

TRUTH RECEIVED → TRUTH PRACTICED

PAUL'S FINAL SEVEN LETTERS

THEY KNEW THE TRUTH



BUT WOULD THEY WALK WORTHY OF IT?

PAUSE — WHERE WE ARE

- 1 THE GOOD FIGHT ✓
AGŌN
- 2 WEAKNESS ✓
ASTHENEIA
- 3 POWER ✓
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THE WORTHY WALK



NEXT

TRUTH ALREADY RECEIVED AND EXERCISED
MUST NOW GOVERN THE WALK.



THE MYSTERY HAD BEEN MADE KNOWN

MADE KNOWN

“Having made known unto us the mystery of his will”
EPHESIANS 1:9

GOD HAD ALREADY MADE THE MYSTERY KNOWN TO THEM.

FULLER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

“Wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him”
EPHESIANS 1:17

PAUL PRAYS FOR A DEEPER, FULLER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HIM.

ALREADY ENLIGHTENED

“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened”
EPHESIANS 1:18

PERFECT: A COMPLETED ENLIGHTENING WITH CONTINUING RESULTS.

ALREADY HEARD

“If ye have heard...” — EPHESIANS 3:2

“Whereof ye heard before...” — COLOSSIANS 1:5

THE HEARING IS PRESENTED AS HAVING ALREADY OCCURRED.

THE TRUTH HAD BEEN MADE KNOWN AND HEARD.
NOW IT WAS TO BE MORE FULLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND LIVED.



THE HIGH CALLING BEFORE AGE-TIMES

CHOSEN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION

“Chosen us in him before the foundation of the world”

EPHESIANS 1:4

GRACE GIVEN BEFORE AGE-TIMES

“Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began”

2 TIMOTHY 1:9

HOPE PROMISED BEFORE AGE-TIMES

“Hope of eternal life, which God... promised before the world began”

TITUS 1:2

THE HIGH CALLING

“The high calling of God in Christ Jesus”

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

PAUL NAMES THE HIGH CALLING WITHOUT STOPPING TO EXPLAIN IT.

**THE CALLING ORIGINATED BEFORE AGE-TIMES
AND WAS ALREADY KNOWN AMONG THE SAINTS.**



NOW WALK WORTHY OF WHAT YOU ALREADY KNEW

THE CALLING

“Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called”

EPHESIANS 4:1

THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL

“THE HOPE WHICH IS LAID UP FOR YOU IN HEAVEN,
WHEREOF YE HEARD BEFORE...”

COLOSSIANS 1:5

“...THAT YE MIGHT WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD...”

COLOSSIANS 1:10

WHAT THEY HAD RECEIVED

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk ye in him”

COLOSSIANS 2:6

THE LIGHT ALREADY GIVEN

“Now are ye light in the Lord:
walk as children of light”

EPHESIANS 5:8

**THE WORTHY WALK DOES NOT OBTAIN THE CALLING.
IT ANSWERS TO THE CALLING AND TRUTH ALREADY RECEIVED.**



WALK WORTHY AS HEAVENLY CITIZENS

“Live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves
in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 • NLT

“We are citizens of heaven.”

PHILIPPIANS 3:20 • NLT

PHILIPPIANS 1:27–30

LIVE AS CITIZENS WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL



STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT



STRIVE TOGETHER WITH ONE SOUL



SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE



HAVING THE SAME AGŌN

AGŌN — CONFLICT, CONTEST, STRUGGLE

THEY ALREADY KNEW THEIR HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP.
NOW THEY WERE TO WALK WORTHY WITHIN THE SAME AGŌN.

TITUS: EPIGNOSIS

KNOWLEDGE THAT GOVERNS THE WALK

TRUTH THAT IS AFTER GODLINESS

“...the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness” — TITUS 1:1

In Titus, epignosis is knowledge connected with godliness.

PAUL PRAYED FOR FULLER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Paul prayed for a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the epignosis of Him. — EPHESIANS 1:17

The eyes of their understanding were already enlightened. Paul prayed that they would know more fully the hope of His calling—and walk worthy of it. — EPHESIANS 1:18; 4:1

DEEPER KNOWLEDGE, A WORTHY WALK

“Filled with the knowledge of his will... that ye might walk worthy... increasing in the knowledge of God”

— COLOSSIANS 1:9–10

Fuller knowledge of revealed truth was to govern the walk.

AWAKE AND WALK

“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead...” — EPHESIANS 5:14

“Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise” — EPHESIANS 5:15

The truth already known must awaken the believer and govern the walk.

**EPIGNOSIS IS THAT POSITION KNOWN MORE FULLY
AND THEREFORE WALKED OUT.**



THE AGŌN FAMILY IN PAUL'S FINAL SEVEN LETTERS

AGŌN — CONFLICT • FIGHT

“Having the same conflict...”

PHILIPPIANS 1:30

“What great conflict I have for you...”

COLOSSIANS 2:1

“Fight the good fight of faith...”

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

“I have fought a good fight...”

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

AGŌNIZOMAI — TO STRIVE • CONTEND

“Labour, striving according to his working...” — COLOSSIANS 1:29

“Always labouring fervently for you in prayers...” — COLOSSIANS 4:12

THE AGŌN WAS THE CONFLICT OF WALKING WORTHY AND REMAINING FAITHFUL.



HUMAN WEAKNESS WITHIN THE CONFLICT

READY TO FAINT

“That ye faint not...”

EPHESIANS 3:13

NEEDING BOLDNESS

“That I may open my mouth boldly...”

EPHESIANS 6:19–20

FRIGHTENED BY OPPOSITION

“In nothing terrified by your adversaries...”

PHILIPPIANS 1:28–30

NOT YET ATTAINED

“Not as though I had already attained...”

PHILIPPIANS 3:12

ANXIOUS

“Be careful for nothing...”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

ABASED, HUNGRY, AND IN NEED

“To be abased... to be hungry... and to suffer need.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:12

DISCOURAGED

“Lest they be discouraged.”

COLOSSIANS 3:21

TEMPTATION AND A SNARE

“They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare...”

1 TIMOTHY 6:9–10

THESE MOMENTS BRING US TO THE END OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY.



HUMAN WEAKNESS WITHIN THE CONFLICT

SUFFERING WITHIN THE AGŌN

“Unto you it is given... to suffer...
having the same conflict...”

PHILIPPIANS 1:29–30

AFFLICTIONS AND BONDS

“My sufferings for you...”

COLOSSIANS 1:24

“I suffer trouble... even unto bonds.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:9

ENDURING HARDNESS

“Endure hardness, as a good soldier...”

2 TIMOTHY 2:3

EVERYONE TURNED AWAY

“All they which are in Asia be turned
away from me.”

2 TIMOTHY 1:15

FORSAKEN AND HARMED

“Demas hath forsaken me...”

2 TIMOTHY 4:10

“Alexander the coppersmith did me
much evil...”

2 TIMOTHY 4:14

STANDING COMPLETELY ALONE

“No man stood with me...”

2 TIMOTHY 4:16

AGED AND IMPRISONED

“Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner...”

PHILEMON 9

CARRYING ANOTHER'S WRONG

“If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee
ought, put that on mine account.”

PHILEMON 18

WHEN HUMAN SUPPORT FAILS, OUR NEED OF THE LORD BECOMES CLEAR.



THE POWER FAMILY WITHIN THE CONFLICT

DYNAMIS — POWER • MIGHT

“The exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward...”

EPHESIANS 1:19

“Strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man...”

EPHESIANS 3:16

“Strengthened with all might... unto all patience and longsuffering...”

COLOSSIANS 1:11

“The spirit... of power...”

“Be thou partaker of the afflictions... according to the power of God.”

2 TIMOTHY 1:7-8

ENDUNAMOŌ — TO STRENGTHEN • ENABLE

“Be strong in the Lord...” — EPHESIANS 6:10

“Christ which strengtheneth me.” — PHILIPPIANS 4:13

“Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me...” — 1 TIMOTHY 1:12

“Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” — 2 TIMOTHY 2:1

“The Lord stood with me, and strengthened me.” — 2 TIMOTHY 4:17

HIS POWER DOES NOT REMOVE THE AGŌN. IT STRENGTHENS US TO ENDURE WITHIN IT.

THE POWER OF AGONY

THE WHOLE PICTURE



1 AGŌN THE CONFLICT

The good fight calls
us to endure
faithfully.

2 WEAKNESS SELF-SUFFICIENCY ENDS

The struggle
reveals our need
of Christ.

3 CHRIST'S POWER GLORYING IN WEAKNESS

His power may rest
upon us and supply
strength within
the conflict.

4 MATURITY TRUTH TRAINED THROUGH USE

Received truth
governs discernment
and the walk.

5 THE WORTHY WALK HEAVENLY CITIZENS IN THE SAME AGŌN

Live according to
the calling and truth
already known.

THE AGŌN EXPOSES OUR WEAKNESS.
AS WE GLORY IN THAT WEAKNESS, **CHRIST'S POWER** MAY REST UPON US.
TRUTH EXERCISED THROUGH **USE** BECOMES A **WORTHY WALK**.

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