"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But <u>continue thou</u> in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;" 2 Timothy 3:13-14 KJV

"Brethren...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before...press toward the mark for the prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus." Dear Believer, how often does Satan fill your thoughts with, "You're alone and no one really understands,



not even other believers!"? Or, "You have no real friend with whom to share your sorrows!"? LIE! LIE! LIE! LIE! LIE! Nothing could be further from the Truth of God's Word! "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Nay, in ALL things we are more than conqueror through Him (Jesus) that loves us. I can do ALL thing through Christ which strengtheneth me, who was in ALL points tempted (tested) like as we, YET, WITHOUT SIN! Casting all your care upon [Jesus] for He careth for you. [Jesus] said, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Lo, I am with thee always; even unto the end of the world!" Does your world seem at an end? JESUS IS THERE FOR YOU! No man is ever alone for God is omnipresent! Jesus is as close to you as your prayerful thought to Him, "for whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved!" Saved from what? SIN! Notice the word "saved," is past tense. Jesus has already paid the penalty for all sin, but you must appropriate it's payment for YOUR sin by confession and repentance (forsaking it). "Satan wants you to believe you're helpless, that you can trust no one, and you're alone against the universe! Despair, doubt, and depression are his greatest tools! Who do you think drives men to suicide? It is said that they are irrational, not thinking straight. Well, yeah, duh! If Satan's fiery darts (thoughts from hell) are flying around inside your skull you tend to be a bit off-kilter! God's Word liberates men from the chains of despair placed upon them by sin "for where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty! Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall MAKE you free!" The Slough of Despond is for unbelievers! Despair and depression are direct results of unbelief! YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY NEVER ALONE! Believe God in spite of perceived threats and circumstance and let despair be damned to hell with the one who profits from it! Anchor your soul to Truth and no storm will ever affect your walk with Christ on the tempestuous sea of circumstance!

> No whispers of the evil damned, Shall make me think I sail unmanned, My life is kept by God's own hand, And on His Word I firmly stand! ~CGP

Fiery darts of satanic thoughts ignite doubt, despair, and depression. If you enjoy sin with no Holy Spirit conviction, you are not God's child and are damned where you stand! A day may come when you seek God and find Him not; "as Esau, who for one morsel of meat (food) sold his birthright...afterward...he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of beans, his soul for desire, and damned himself! When HE was ready to repent, he could find NONE! Have you sold your birthright for beans?

"For he that soweth to (obeyeth) his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to (obeyeth) the Spirit (Truth) shall of the Spirit reap Life Everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:8-9 KJV