



FAITH FULL

FUELING YOUR FAITH IN A WORLD ON EMPTY

HEBREWS



*As for me,
my **life** has already been **poured out**
as an **offering** to God.
The **time** of my **death** is near.
I have **fought** the good **fight**,
I have **finished** the **race**,
and I have remained **faithful**
(I have **kept** the **faith**).*

2 Timothy 4:6-7 NLT





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MESSAGE 11: THE FINISH LINE

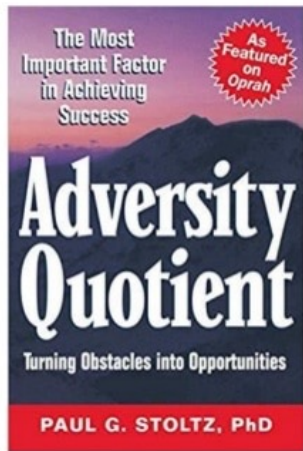
THE “IT FACTOR”



*What is "it" that separates
success from failure?*



THE “ADVERSITY” QUOTIENT



Adversity Quotient

Turning Obstacles Into Opportunities

In AQ, Paul Stoltz explains why some people, teams, and organizations fail or quit, and how others in the same situations persevere and succeed.



- *What is your “AQ”?*
- *How much can you **endure**?*



*“What was **sown** along the **path** represents the one who **listens** to the **message** of the **kingdom** but doesn't understand it.*

*The **Adversary** (evil or wicked one) then comes and **snatches** away what was **sown** into his heart.*

*The one **sown** on **gravel** represents the person who gladly **hears** the kingdom message, but his **experience** (interest) remains **shallow**.*

*Shortly after he hears it, troubles (**problems**) and **persecutions** come **because** of the kingdom message he **received**.*

*Then he quickly **falls away**, for the **truth** didn't **sink deeply** into his heart.*

*The one **sown** among **thorns** represents one who **receives** the message, but all **life's** busy distractions (**cares of this world**), his **divided heart**, and his **ambition** (lure) for **wealth** result in **suffocating** the **kingdom message** and it becomes **fruitless**.*

Matthew 13:19-22 NIV



TWO KINDS OF TESTS:

- **LIFE IS TOO HARD**
- **LIFE IS TOO EASY**



*Where did Paul get the **power**
to **endure** these **tests**?*



*We are like common **clay jars**
that carry this **glorious treasure** within,
so that this **immeasurable power**
will be seen as **God's**, not ours.
Though we **experience** every kind of **pressure**,
we're **not crushed**. At times we don't know what to do,
but **quitting** is not an option.
We are **persecuted** by others,
but God has **not forsaken** us.
We may be **knocked down**, but **not out**.*

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 TPT



Here's how *The Living Bible* paraphrases 2 Corinthians 4:9:
"We get **knocked down**, but we **get up** again and **keep going**."
Paul is telling these Christians, "This is **who** we are. **We** are
the people who **get back up** when we get **knocked down**."
Running the race (agon) with **perseverance** (endurance)
requires us to have a **defiant spirit** that absolutely **refuses**
to put a **period** where there should only be a **comma**.

"The **godly** may **trip** seven times,
but they will **get back up** again.

But one **disaster** is enough
to **overthrow** the wicked"

(Solomon in Proverbs 24:16 NLT).

Kyle Idleman: Don't Give Up



*Where did Paul
have his gaze fixed?*



*So no wonder we **don't give up** (never lose heart).
For even though our **outer** person gradually **wears out**,
our **inner** being is **renewed** every single day.
We view our **slight**, short-lived **troubles** in the **light** of eternity.
We see our **difficulties** as the substance that **produces**
for us an **eternal**, weighty **glory** far **beyond** our comparison,
Because we don't **focus** our **attention** (fix our gaze)
on what is **seen** but on what is **unseen**.
For what is **seen** is **temporary** (soon be gone),
but the **unseen** realm is **eternal** (last forever).*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 TPT



*What is the "it"
that kept Paul going?*



*For it is **Christ's love** (Jesus' love)
that fuels our passion (**compels us**)
and holds us tightly (**overwhelms us**),
Because we are convinced
that he has **given** his life **for all** of us.
This means **all died** with him,
so that **those** who **live** should
no longer live **self-absorbed** lives,
but live **lives** that are **poured out** for him-
the one (i.e., Jesus)
who **died** for us and **now lives** again.*

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 TPT



- *What is your “it” that **compels** you to **keep going**?*
- *What **empowers** you to **keep running**?*



DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

How to build an enduring, go the distance faith ...

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Read Hebrews 11: 1-40 (3 Translations)

DBS: Hebrews 11:1-6 (6 verses)

(Three-Column Study)

