

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**THE STRUGGLE
CONTINUES**

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Bible Study

**THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES
“Recovering From My
Relapse”**

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“Using Your Gift(s) to Combat the Struggle”

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Helps, Leadership, Hospitality, Service, Administration, Discernment, Faith, Music, Tongues, Miracles, Craftsmanship, Healing, Giving, Mercy, Wisdom, Knowledge, Exhortation, Teaching, Pastor/Shepherd, Apostleship, Missionary, Prophecy, Evangelist, Intercession

REVIEW

I am empowered to:

1. B _____ U _____ T _____ B _____
2. E _____ O _____ A _____
3. C _____ T _____ S _____

My contributions to the kingdom included:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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THE GIFT DOES NOT EXEMPT ME
FROM NEW STRUGGLES (GRIEF)



**TODAY'S LESSON
"Recovering From My Relapse"**

DEFINITION

RELAPSE:

A deterioration in someone's state of health after a temporary improvement.

RECOVER:

Return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Transition!

1. Be able to accept the end of your recovery as a new normal.

⁵ This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives ⁷ "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

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THINK OF AN OCCASION WHEN YOU SURVIVED
A STRUGGLE. WHAT PRACTICES DID YOU PUT IN
PLACE TO AVOID A RE-OCCURRENCE?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

**TRANSITION AFTER RECOVERY REQUIRES
ACCEPTING GOD'S CONFIDENCE**

*²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.²⁹ gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
(Isaiah 40:28-31)*

TRANSITION AFTER RECOVERY REQUIRES...

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
(Galatians 6:2)*

Tips for the transition:

- One to know what they need
- One to develop a reason for hope
- Allow pain and peace to co-exist

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TRANSITION AFTER RECOVERY REQUIRES...

SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT

¹⁹ *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

(Matthew 6:19-21)

TRANSITION AFTER RECOVERY REQUIRES...

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

¹*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. (Psalm 1:1-3)*

TAKE-A-WAYS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____