

Not Despised

by Mary Wilder Tileston

God's strength is available to us even in our weakness, and He will not despise our infirmities.

Scripture: Romans 8:26

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about finding strength in God when our flesh and heart fail, emphasizing that God is our eternal portion and source of strength. She encourages making allowances for physical infirmities and heaviness, reminding that Christian life is a principle, not just a feeling. Tileston urges believers to bring their struggles and weaknesses to Christ, who understands and cares for us like a tender-hearted surgeon for a lame child.

Transcript

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

PSALMS 73:26

O, LITTLE heart of mine! shall pain

Or sorrow make thee moan,

When all this God is all for thee,

A Father and thine own?

FRUERICK W. FABER

MAKE allowance for infirmities of the flesh, which are purely physical. To be fatigued, body and soul, is not sin; to be in "heaviness" is not sin. Christian life is not a feeling; it is a principle: when your hearts will not fly, let them go, and if they "will neither fly nor go," be sorry for them and patient with them, and take them to Christ, as you would carry your little lame child to a tender-hearted, skilful surgeon. Does the surgeon, in such a case, upbraid the child for being lame?

ELIZABETH PRENTISS

When you feel ill and indisposed, and when in this condition your prayer is cold, heavy, filled with despondency, and even despair, do not be disheartened or despairing, for the Lord knows your sick and painful condition. Struggle against your infirmity, pray as much as you have strength to, and the Lord will not despise the infirmity of your flesh and spirit.

FATHER JOHN

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