

# The Grace of Strength

by Mary Wilder Tileston

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*Trouble is an opportunity to develop spiritual strength and grow closer to God.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 18:32, Isaiah 40:29, 2 Timothy 2:1, James 1:2, 1 Peter 5:10

**Topics:** "Spiritual Growth", "Gods Grace"

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## Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about the importance of finding strength in God's grace, emphasizing that every trouble we face is an opportunity to grow in spiritual and moral strength. She highlights that challenges are meant to develop our character and increase our faith, as encountering difficulties helps us become stronger in our walk with God. Tileston encourages believers to face each day with courage and perseverance, knowing that through every trial, we have the chance to deepen our reliance on God's grace and emerge stronger in our faith.

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## Transcript

Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1

I WOULD arise in all Thy strength

My place on earth to fill,

To work out all my time of war

With love's unflinching will.

Firm against every doubt of Thee

For all my future way--

To walk in Heaven's eternal light

Throughout the changing day.

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EVERY trouble is an opportunity to win the grace of strength. Whatever else trouble is in the world for, it is here for this good purpose: to develop strength. For a trouble is a moral and spiritual task. It is something which is hard to do. And it is in the spiritual world as in the physical, strength is increased by encounter with the difficult. A world without any trouble in it would be, to people of our kind, a place of spiritual enervation and moral laziness. Fortunately, every day is crowded with care. Every day to every one of us brings its questions, its worries, and its tasks, brings its sufficiency of trouble. Thus we get our daily spiritual exercise. Every day we are blessed with new opportunities for the development of strength of soul.

GEORGE HODGES

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