

## SO IT IS

<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in Him are “Yes,” and in Him “Amen,” to the glory of God through us. 2 Cor. 1:20 (MEV)

<sup>16</sup> That is why we never give up. 2 Cor. 4:16

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“Be on your guard; **stand firm in the faith**; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.” 1 Cor. 16:13-14

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm**. Let nothing move you. Always **give yourselves fully to the work** of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.  
1 Cor. 15:58 (NIV)

### **So How Do You Go From What If To So It Is?**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Character.**

<sup>18</sup> But just as sure as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” <sup>20</sup> The message of Christ has always been “Yes.” 2 Cor. 1:18,20

“And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.” Psalm 9:10

“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?” Numbers 23:19

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ That God Can Use The Difficulties Of Life To Renew Us**

“Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are<sup>13</sup> being renewed every day. <sup>17</sup> For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!” 2 Cor. 4:16-17

“Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. 2 Cor. 4:1

<sup>13</sup> But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, “I believed in God, so I spoke.”<sup>1</sup> 2 Cor. 4:13

<sup>8</sup> We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. <sup>9</sup> We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. 2 Cor. 4:8-9

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<sup>1</sup> Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [\*Holy Bible: New Living Translation\*](#) (2 Co 4:13). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.