

## “SECRETS OF STAYING POWER”

### Running on Empty

**Introduction:** Life is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT) “So don’t get tired of doing what is good. Don’t get discouraged and give up. For we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.”

II Corinthians 4: 8-9 (NIV) “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

## FOUR SECRETS OF STAYING POWER

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD’S GRACE

Matthew 6:31 (The Message) “What I am trying to do here is get you to relax. Do not be so preoccupied with your getting so you can respond to God’s giving.”

- God doesn’t give you what you deserve, but what you \_\_\_\_\_.

II Corinthians 4:1 (NIV) “... Since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart!”

- Two factors to help you relax.
  1. You don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ your worth.
  2. You don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ in failures.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ IT IS NOT ABOUT YOU.

II Corinthians 4:5 (NLT) “We don’t go around preaching about ourselves; we preach Christ Jesus, the Lord. All we say about ourselves is that we are your servants because of what Jesus has done for us.”

- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ statement.
- Life is about \_\_\_\_\_ plan.
- To last (motivation): “The \_\_\_\_\_ determines \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Paul’s example: For \_\_\_\_\_ sake.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ YOURSELF DAILY.

II Corinthians 4:16 (NIV) “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

- Outwardly – some of us have \_\_\_\_\_ problems.

- Everyday renewal needs two things

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT) “A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. And three people are even better, for a triple –braided cord is not easily broken.”

- Key reason for a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. REFOCUS ON ETERNITY

II Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT) “For our present troubles are quite small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don’t look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joy to come will last forever.”

- When your eyes are on \_\_\_\_\_, God gets bigger and problems get smaller.

- Three Key Life Motivations

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION:** God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than your \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) “ He endured the cross looking forward to the joys set before Him.”