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When I am weak, then I am strong

There is an old saying, 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going'. I remember as a young Christian trying to find this in the Bible; it wasn't there because it is not a biblical saying. We might say, 'When the going gets tough the tough get praying, or trusting', but often this isn't the case. The danger when we feel strong is that we do things in our own strength

The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 had been given amazing revelations from God. The danger was that Paul would become proud, or think he was above others, but he says himself that to prevent him becoming conceited he was given a thorn in the flesh, which three times he asked the Lord to take from him. He didn't just ask God, he beseeched him! This thorn was not a prickle, but something that was affecting Paul's life, something that could drag him down. We know by Paul's life it wasn't because he lacked faith that his request was not granted, which is something we wrongly assume when God doesn't give us what we've asked for. We see the reason in Scripture when God says to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (verse 9). We all have thorns in the flesh, physical things or circumstances we wish were not there and perhaps we have pleaded with the Lord to take them away. If he has not done so, then the answer for us is the same as for Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you".

When we feel weak, and many of us do at present with the circumstances of our lives, we can be strong in the Lord as we put on the full armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-17). Then God's power is made perfect in weakness. A word of warning though: when the going is tough, sometimes it is very hard to take in God's word; we can't always concentrate and seem to be just reading words. So hide God's word in your heart when the times are good, so that when the times are difficult and perhaps you find it hard to concentrate, God will bring back to your memory, by his Spirit, things you have already read and encourage you with his words which are hidden in your heart. Our KYB studies are a great way to hide God's word in our hearts!

Sandra



Just over 50 KYB study books translated into Danish!

More than three decades ago the first KYB groups were started in Denmark by Valerie Bruun. Her husband Søren translated studies and had them copied in the local church. Many women have been blessed throughout the years. Valerie – now in her late eighties – is still leading a group, and Søren is still translating and leading a men's group! Amazing faithfulness. We are grateful. Valerie writes:

It all began soon after Søren and I came to Denmark in 1982, after serving as missionaries in Pakistan. In an annual letter from Denmark, I expressed my hunger for good Bible study fellowship. A former missionary colleague living in Australia responded by sending her used Philippians KYB study book to me, asking, "Is this something you could use?" So Søren began to translate it, and a little group of three met together weekly to do the lessons. We completed the study but knew nothing about CWCI or KYB. We had been blessed and were eager to continue using the study material. Our enquiries led to a visit from Jean Raddon who was visiting the UK. She needed to check out who we were, and returned to the English committee telling them, "Valerie doesn't have a clue about using KYB." However, with some instruction about the KYB method of study, the committee in the UK was willing to send us study books.

In 1992, Inge Birgit and I were very privileged to be invited to

Australia, along with representatives from Russia, Holland, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Zimbabwe, and Chile, all lands where KYB had recently begun to be used, as well as New Zealand and the UK, to seek to guide the work internationally, each land having its own culture, both secular and Christian. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the same for all. It has not been easy to break into the very established Danish Christian scene with a new concept of Bible study, but we praise God for those who grasped this opportunity. Among them were some young women who had come to our town to study for a career, and whose spiritual lives were transformed as their love for the Lord and His Word became alive. When they had to move on, at least two started groups which they are still part of. I heard of the recent testimony of another, asked to tell what had had the greatest influence on her life, very clearly saying that her time in this group had been absolutely crucial.

We pray that many in this land may become spiritually hungry for Truth, and that the translated study books may be used by many more groups in the future.



New KYB writer Helen Owens

It was quite a surprise to me when I received an invitation to consider writing a study for KYB! I had never envisaged myself writing a study, but after much prayerful thought I accepted the invitation.



I have led a KYB group now since 1976! That is a long time, which naturally means I love the KYB method of

studying God's Word. I have seen women come to know the Lord Jesus in a KYB group, and so many lives changed in family relationships as a mum deepens her walk with the Lord.

Apart from my involvement in KYB, I direct a Community Choir, and also have a few private piano students. I am very active in the ministry of my local church, and I am

just about to embark on starting a Kids' Church Choir! I am blessed with a godly husband who supports me in all that I do, and I praise God for our family.

After taking a lot of time reading and re-reading the first eight chapters of Romans, I am finding myself becoming very excited with this venture that I am just beginning!



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For further information regarding our work please email info@cwci.org.au

Translations Director

Kaye Shooter has stepped down from this position. The board is very sorry to lose her, but appreciative of the time she spent assessing the work of translation. May God bless Kaye as she follows his call on her life.

Any enquiries for the time being should go to Reda, info@cwci.org.au or the IB President Sandra president@cwci.org.au

Prayer Points

Sun

Give thanks and praise That we are in the final stages of production of the *Good News* study in Easy English

Pray For our staff: Reda, Beth and Hannah – for good time management and for encouragement as they've had to work in isolation for so long
For our KYB writers - for wisdom, inspiration and clarity of thought, and quality time for writing

Give thanks and praise For financial help from the Australian government during the Covid-19 pandemic

Pray For our KYB editors – for clarity and good time management – and for God's provision of more editors
For Kristiana in Indonesia that more will join her to study God's word

Mon

Tues

Give thanks and praise That the International Board can meet regularly by Zoom

Pray For Prasanna in India as he seeks to set up KYB groups
For pilot groups, vetters and proof readers as they contribute to the usability and theological and typographical accuracy of the KYB studies

Give thanks and praise for our writers, editors, vetters and proof readers who willingly give so much of their time to the production of the studies

Pray For increased sales of KYB studies after a downturn during the pandemic
For God to lead us to the right person to take on the role of Development Director

Wed

Thurs

Give thanks and praise that so many of us live in nations where we are free to study God's word

Pray For Sylvia Musasiwa in Zimbabwe and the study groups there, that more books will become available for them
For Søren translating and for the KYB groups in Denmark

Give thanks and praise for women who have faithfully passed God's word on to the next generation

Pray For creative ways to further the translation programme and new avenues for reaching speakers of languages other than English
For the Easy English *Good News* study to be widely used as a basis for translation as well as with those wanting to improve their English

Fri

Sat

Give thanks and praise That the studies are being used in many parts of the world

Pray That studies tucked away in cupboards in several parts of the world will be dusted off and used
For Sandra, Lyn, Heather, Susanna, Tina, Cecily and Kathryn as they seek to take the work of the International Board forward.