

OUR LIGHT

AFFLICTION



7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

(2 Corinthians 4:7–10)



11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. (2 Corinthians 4:11–14)



15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:15, 16)



17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:17–18)



23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool)  
I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes  
above measure, in prisons more frequent, in  
deaths oft. 24 Of the Jews five times received I  
forty stripes save one. 25 Thrice was I beaten  
with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered  
shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the  
deep; (2 Corinthians 11:23–25)



26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. (2 Corinthians 11:26–28)









21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Peter 1:21 )

















θλίψεω

means literally “to press,” “squash,”  
“hem in,” then “to be narrow.” *thlípsis*  
means “pressure” in the physical  
sense . . . . (*Theological Dictionary of the  
New Testament.*)



33 These things I have spoken unto you, that  
in me ye might have peace. In the world ye  
shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I  
have overcome the world. (John 16:33)





7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks  
fly upward. (Job 5:7)

1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days,  
and full of trouble. (Job 14:1)



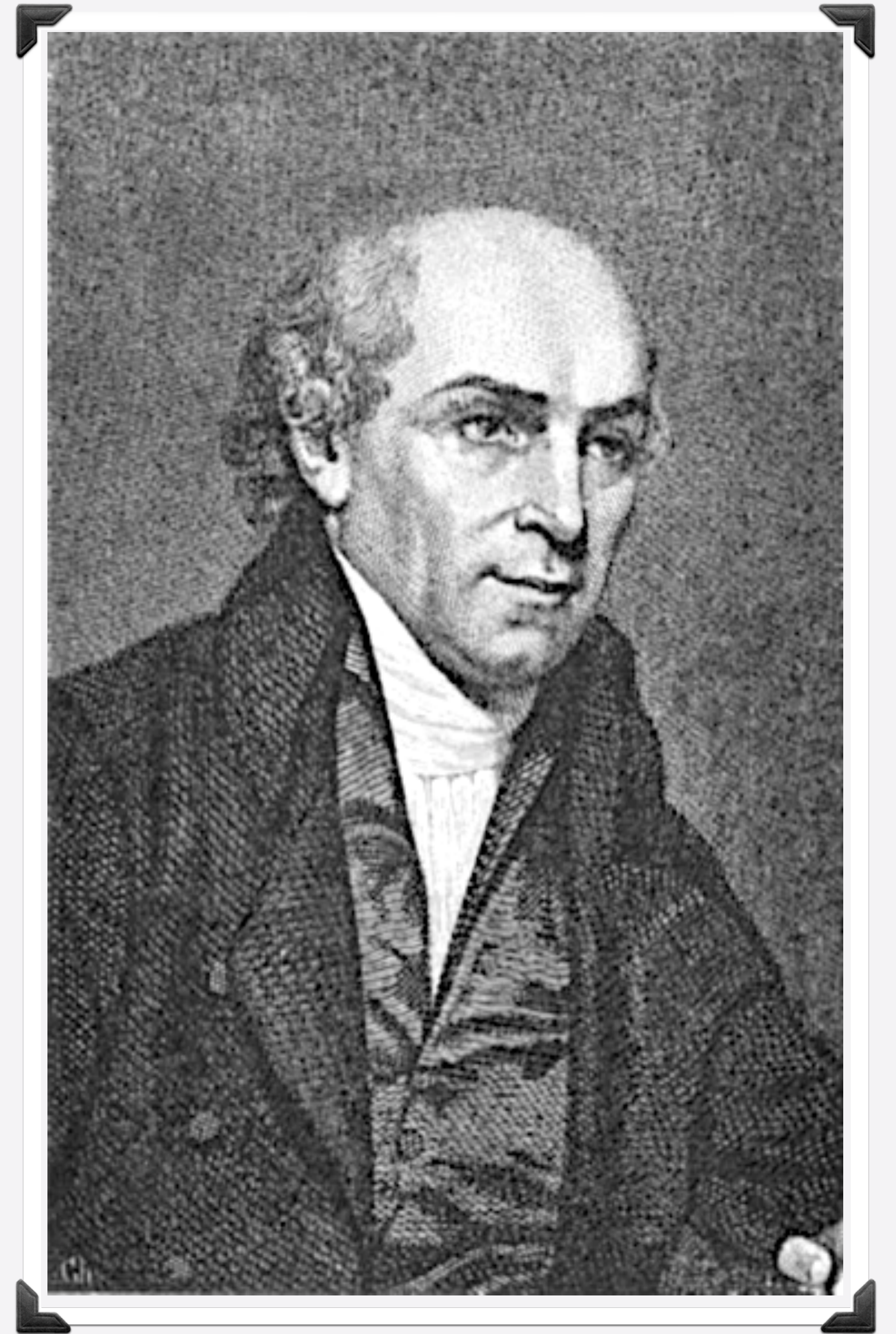


**The godly have some  
good in them, therefore  
the devil afflicts them; and  
some evil in them,  
therefore God afflicts  
them. —Thomas Watson**






# William Carey

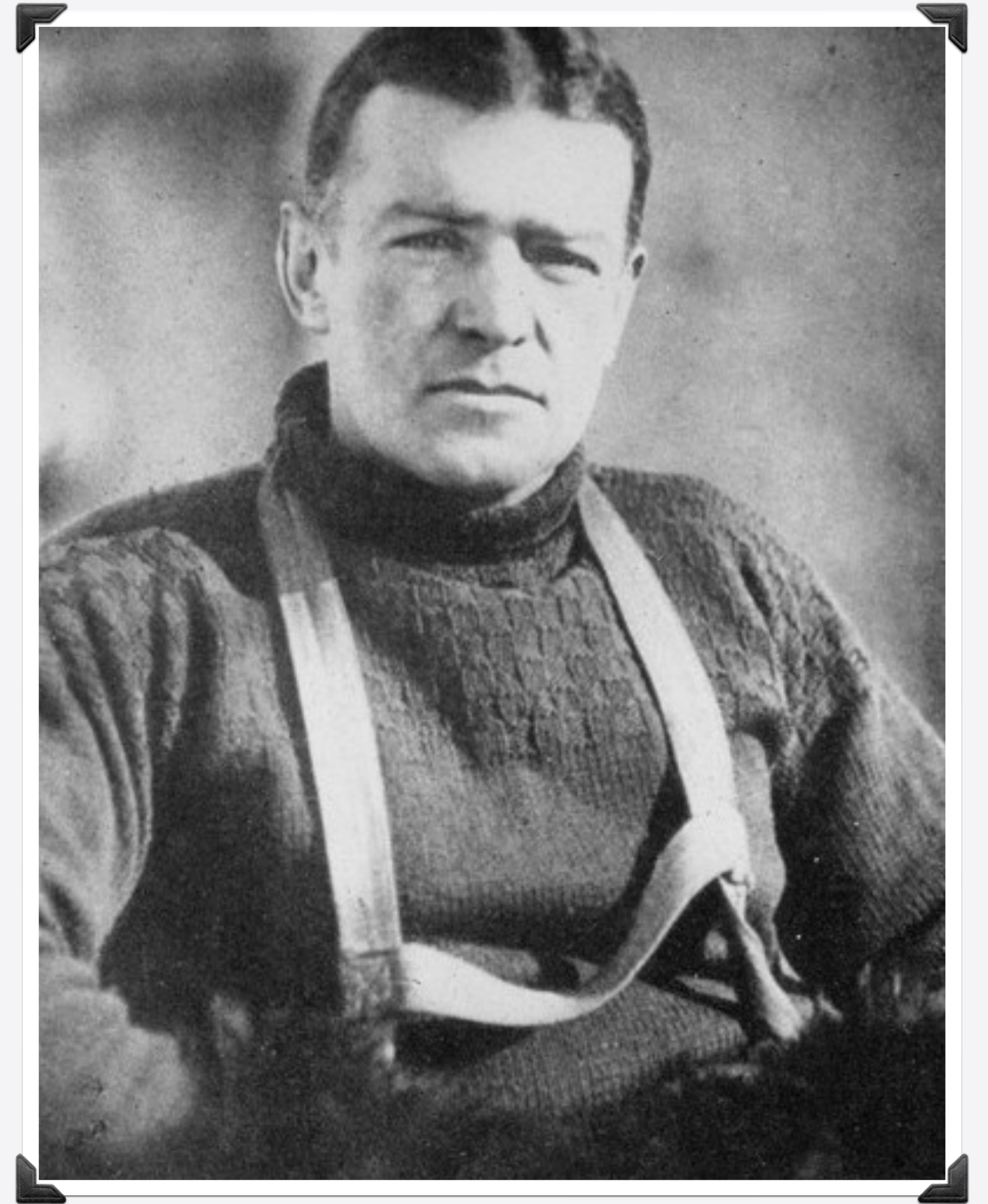


The ground must be labored over again, but we are not discouraged. We have all been supported under the affliction, and preserved from discouragement. To me the consideration of the divine sovereignty and wisdom has been very supporting. "Be still and know that I am God." (Bill Mills and Craig Parro, *Finishing Well in Life and Ministry*, pp. 101-102)





# Sir Ernest Shackleton









# The Late Stephen Hawking



7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

(2 Corinthians 12:7–9)





Paul had a bodily affliction; his eyesight was bad. He thought that by earnest prayer the difficulty might be removed. But the Lord had His own purpose, and He said to Paul, Speak to Me no more of this matter. My grace is sufficient. It will enable you to bear the infirmity (Letter 207, 1899). (Ellen G. White, *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 6, p. 1107)



17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; (2 Corinthians 4:17)





13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God **hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve**, and hast given us such deliverance as this; (Ezra 9:13)



10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor  
rewarded us according to our iniquities.  
(Psalm 103:10)





23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)



12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 8:12)





26 Ought not Christ to have suffered  
these things, and to enter into his glory?  
(Luke 24:26)



3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and  
of the people there was none with me:  
(Isaiah 63:3a)





46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46)



16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)





30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus,  
who of God is made unto us wisdom,  
and righteousness, and sanctification,  
and redemption: (1 Corinthians 1:30)



1 Behold, what manner of love the  
Father hath bestowed upon us, that we  
should be called the sons of God:  
therefore the world knoweth us not,  
because it knew him not. (1 John 3:1)





17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Romans 8:17)



18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this  
present time are not worthy to be  
compared with the glory which shall be  
revealed in us. (Romans 8:17)





5 For his anger endureth but a moment;  
in his favour is life: weeping may endure  
for a night, but joy cometh in the  
morning. (Psalm 30;5)









13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

(1 Corinthians 10:13)



Trials teach us what  
we are; they dig up  
the soil, and let us  
see what we are  
made of.



Charles Spurgeon



3 Knowing this, that the trying of your  
faith worketh patience. (James 1:3)



Through conflict the spiritual life is strengthened. Trials well borne will develop steadfastness of character and precious spiritual graces. The perfect fruit of faith, meekness, and love often matures best amid storm clouds and darkness. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 61)



3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also:  
knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And  
patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And  
hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of  
God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost  
which is given unto us. (Romans 5:3–5)





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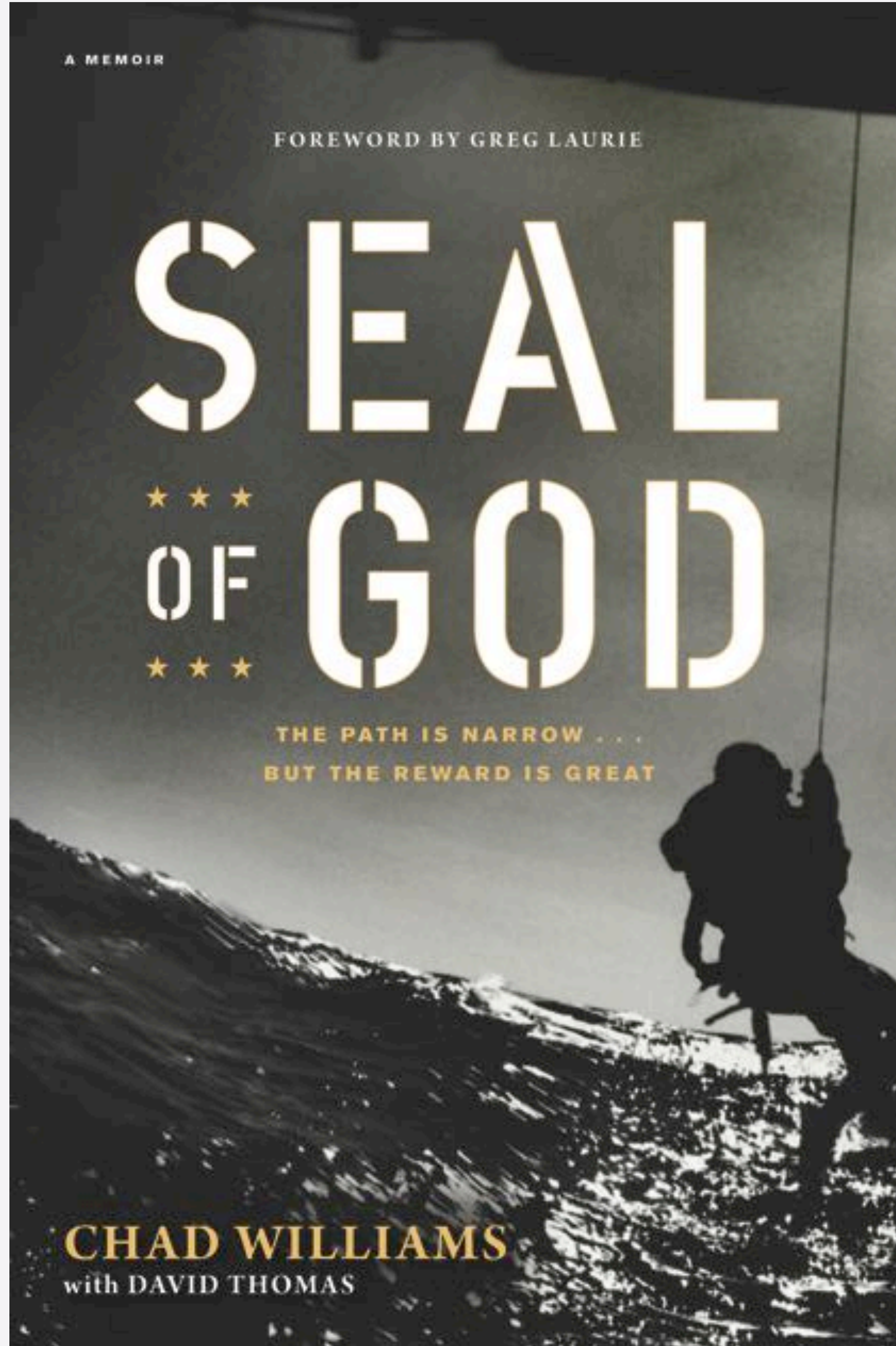
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FOREWORD BY GREG LAURIE

# SEAL ★★★ OF GOD ★★★

THE PATH IS NARROW . . .  
BUT THE REWARD IS GREAT

**CHAD WILLIAMS**  
with DAVID THOMAS



We are to be doers of the word. We are daily determining our destiny in the future life by the character we develop in this.  
*(The Review and Herald, January 11, 1898)*





4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.(2 Corinthians 1:4)



14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great **[the]** tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:14)



Let us strive with all the power that  
God has given us to be among the  
hundred and forty-four thousand. (*The  
Review and Herald*, March 9, 1905)





