



## MEN ON THE FRONTLINE...Leading Change

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**NEVER QUIT.** Pastor Paul Louis Cole

Courage in the Face of Crisis!

EX. 15 God is my strength, God is my song,  
and, yes! God is my salvation.

**God is a fighter**, pure God, through and through.

VICTORY IS ALWAYS  
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF \_\_\_\_\_

***I am not defined as a man by the things I struggle with,***

***I am defined as a man, by the fact...***

***I am a passionate pursuer of the pleasure of His presence!***

RELIGION is \_\_\_\_\_ CENTERED.

JESUS is \_\_\_\_\_ CENTERED.

God delivers us TO righteousness,

by delivering us FROM sin.

God is more focused on where we're going,  
Than where we've been.

INFORMATION - INSPIRATION - \_\_\_\_\_

REVELATION - IMPARTATION - \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 5:3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our **confident** hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*

*2 Timothy 2:2 Commit these words to faithful men,  
who will be able to teach others also.*

**MANHOOD AND CHRISTLIKENESS ARE SYNONYMOUS!**

**CONSTANT IN LIFE – STORMS.** *Storms do not disqualify you!*

The life of JONAH. A man delivered by God, returned to his destiny and calling. God never quits on you. Don't quit on God.

Jonah's repentance engaged grace. I John 1:9,10 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**FOCUS!** Run. But run in the right direction: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe" (Prov 18:10). **\*WINNERS LOOK AT WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO, WHINERS LOOK AT WHAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH.**

"Don't keep on worrying about anything, but in everything pray! Then God's peace will guard you like a sentinel—your heart and mind secured" (Philippians 4:6, paraphrased).

*Jesus answered, "The Father is with me. I've told you all this so that **trusting me, you will be unshakable** and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world."* John 16:31-33

*John 10:10 A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.*

NEGATIVE IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_  
GOD ALWAYS ENDS IN THE \_\_\_\_\_.

*Philippians 1:3/6 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 6 being **confident** of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

“FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS/PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU...  
NOT FOR YOUR DESTRUCTION – FUTURE/HOPE!” JER. 29:11

**A CHAMPION IS NOT A MAN WHO NEVER FAILS  
A CHAMPION IS A MAN WHO NEVER QUILTS.**

**1. Crisis is normal to life.**

Courage faces the crisis.

Reasons for Courage.

Face \_\_\_\_\_

Admit \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_

Change \_\_\_\_\_

Hold \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Forgive others – FORGIVENESS \_\_\_\_\_  
UNFORGIVENESS \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Confess God is your source**

**4. Don't Panic**

**5. Embrace God's Sovereignty**

**6. Don't limit God**

FAITH DOES NOT LIMIT GOD  
GOD DOES NOT LIMIT FAITH

**7. Humbly obey God**

HUMILITY IS NOT THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF,  
BUT THINKING OF YOURSELF LESS...

2 KINGS 7:3-11 LEPERS... SAID – “Why should we sit here  
until we die? Let’s get up and do something!?”

**8. Trust God to vindicate you**

**9. Communicate**

WITH OTHERS, WITH GOD.

**10. Live righteous/Act on truth**

DO THE RIGHT THING...

DON'T GET INTO POVERTY THINKING...

SHORTCUTS TAKE LONGER!

**Hebrews 13: 5-6,8**

**5**Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]

**6**So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?

**8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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