I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. Psalms 40:1-2 (NKJV)

God will bring us into victory and He works through Patience, Persistence, & Perseverance
These qualities are developed by a daily, consistent walk with God.

I Things we do today will affect our tomorrow. The principle of "Sowing and Reaping".

- · Galatians 6:7-8 (NKJV) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. {8} For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
- Proverbs 13:11 (NKJV) Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase. (NIV) Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow. (RSV) Wealth hastily gotten will dwindle, but he who gathers little by little will increase it.
- · Proverbs 6:6-8 (NKJV) Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, {7} which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, {8} provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

II God most often does things "Little by Little"

- Exodus 23:30 (NKJV) "Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.
- **Deuteronomy 7:22** (NKJV) "And the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

III <u>Examples in the Bible</u>

- · David: David was anointed as king by the prophet Samuel and became Israel's new king. God fulfilled his promise to David in only about 16 years!
- \cdot Job: Tested by severe trials, but eventually restored to better than before
- · Joseph: Through persecution and false accusations, yet becoming deliverer for his people
- · Daniel: Punished for worshiping God and praying, yet delivered from lions. (Lions ate his accusers)
- · Abraham: Believed God's voice that he would be the father of a great nation.
- · Moses was saved from death as a baby, and grew up to become Israel's deliverer

IV God drives away our enemies, and He gives us power to walk in ways that please Him.

- · 2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV) as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
- · Galatians 6:9 (NKJV) And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

V Patience, Persistence, & Perseverance

- · Isaiah 40:29-31 (NKJV) He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. {30} Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, {31} But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
- <u>Patience</u> Daniel: Prayed and fasted and waited Daniel 10:12-13 (NKJV) Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. {13} "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.
- · <u>Persistence</u> Paul: 2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- <u>Perseverance</u> Jesus: He could have called 10,000 angels to rescue him endured such suffering because He could see the future result Hebrews 12:1-4 (NKJV) Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, {2} looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. {3} For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. {4} You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

Little by Little stay on the narrow road and you will enter Heaven