Reject Discouragement

Discouragement 'dogs'¹ everyone at one time or another, but for sons, that should never happen – 'theoretically'. However, it does occur because the dominance of the soul and mind prevents the spirit from being in ascendance and ruling them with peace and rest.

The reason that we fall into discouragement is many and varied, not the least is that we can't achieve our desires. It's also a method the enemy uses to neutralize us when we're a threat to him. So what are we to do about it? It's our responsibility to work through discouragement and come out the other side in victory. Of course, having our mind reprogrammed by the King so we think like him is the best tool we have to prevent disheartenment² from taking hold. That's just another reason to learn to live with his mind and his heart, so we are more stable, day-to-day.

The important thing to remember when do get disheartened in any way is to <u>never</u> think that Father is disappointed in our failure because we've submitted to discouragement. He's a perfect father and he will spur us on to keep going through his advice and encouragement. Here's some of that urging:

^cEvery time you attempt something and fail, I'm still cheering you on. Like a proud father, I watch you with excitement and confidence, even when you fall. Get up! Get up! Brush yourself off, reject that discouragement, and try again, then again, and again. Of course it doesn't feel good to mess up or to have doors that you expected to be great opportunities slam in your face, but it's okay—I'm making you into an overcomer. I want you to have the desires of your heart."³

"Maintain the ground you have gained, and refuse to get discouraged or give up. You are being transformed into a better version of yourself one day at a time, and you will look back on these days with wonder and gratitude for what you have learned. Proceed with the grace offered you by the Holy Spirit, with a thankful heart."⁴

Time to repent⁵ (change our mind and function Father's way), whenever we get discouraged, and remember that we haven't failed in his eyes.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

^{1 –} www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/dogged

^{2 -} www.wordnik.com/words/disheartenment

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