

# From Trouble to Triumph! From Adversity to Victory!

By Heather Francis

*May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble;*

*May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;*

*May He send you help from the sanctuary,*

*And strengthen you out of Zion;*

*May He remember all your offerings,*

*And accept your burnt sacrifice.*

*May He grant you according to your heart's desire,*

*And fulfill all your purpose.*

— Psalm 20:1-4 (NKJV)

**W**hen my husband, Wes, and I first started our motorcycle road-racing business in 2004, it was a BIG step of faith, to say the least. Anyone who has started any kind of business knows that there is usually a large outlay of cash to get the business started, and we were no different. We used our 401K savings, credit cards, and the equity from refinancing our house to pay for our first three years of racing. Then, in May 2005, which was right in the middle of our second race season, my husband was furloughed from

his job! It looked impossible to continue racing, especially since we had no sponsors and now no job! But, we decided to not look for new jobs and instead focus our time into our racing business and race fulltime, even though we had no idea how the racing expenses were going to get paid, let alone the house mortgage. We knew we were under spiritual attack from the devil in our finances because we use the race team as an outreach tool for God at the races. The devil was trying really hard to steal away our God-given dream of racing for Him. We decided to keep having faith in God's provision, because the racing was God's idea, not ours.

By December 2005, we were living on credit cards. It looked bad... really bad... even more impossible to continue on, but we decided to keep going, even if it meant maxing out every credit card that we had. Then, in May 2006, Wes crashed his race bike at a racetrack at around 120mph. Then he was run over by another racer. The other rider could not avoid running over him at that speed. All he could

do was try to steer his bike for Wes' legs instead of his torso or head. We are thankful to God for protecting his life. Wes' leg was broken in three places, a couple of his ribs and his ankle bone were cracked, and a finger was ground to the bone when the leather glove that he was wearing split open and exposed his hand to the asphalt as he slid across the track. Wes spent four days in the hospital and had two surgeries, one each on his leg and finger. But, he was alive! He was not in a coma! He did not have any internal organ injuries! The devil had tried to kill Wes, but he did not succeed! Glory be to our good God!

Long before Wes' accident, God had reminded us that when the Israelites were escaping from Egyptian slavery, it looked bad... really bad, even impossible. The Israelites were cornered at the Red Sea. The Egyptian army was coming up fast from behind them, and the sea was in front of them. It seemed they had nowhere to go except back into Egyptian slavery... IF they lived that long after the Egyptian army got a

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 hold of them. But God made a way where there was no way!!! He split open the Red Sea and the Israelites crossed through it on dry land to freedom. Praise God!

Well, Wes and I were cornered by a wall of debt. Our credit cards were almost maxed out. We had no corporate sponsors. We had no personal income. We had no savings. Wes' leg was in a cast and he had months of recovery yet. We didn't know how we were going to buy groceries or pay the mortgage, and now there were hospital bills on top of it all. However, we chose to believe that it still was going to work out according to God's plan for our lives. I was thankful that Wes was alive, and nothing else mattered. I refused to be depressed about our personal and business financial situations. At that moment, it looked even more impossible to keep racing. But since I knew God had protected Wes from life-threatening injuries, then I knew that surely, if God could save

Wes' life, then He could make a way where there was no way for us financially!!! And God did!

First, God provided the money needed to pay the medical bills through the Wegman Bene-

jured during competition. Then in January 2007, Wes was recalled back to his job after being furloughed for 18 months. Thanks to our wonderful



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fit Fund and its successor; the Red Flag Fund. Both of these non-profit organizations were specifically chartered to provide financial assistance to motorcycle racers throughout the United States who are seriously in-

jured during competition. Then in January 2007, Wes was recalled back to his job after being furloughed for 18 months. Thanks to our wonderful God, Wes had recovered physically from the crash very quickly and was able to work. In fact, Wes had exceeded one doctor's expectations! Thank You Lord, for You are our Healer! And now we are preparing for the 2008 race season. We are expecting even greater things from God so that we can continue our evangelism outreach at the track through the race team. We know that God is working on providing sponsors for us and we know that God will continue to make a way for us where there had been no way to race.

Don't give up on your dream whatever it may be. Don't let financial disasters, setbacks, circumstances, health problems, or accidents keep you from your God-given dream and all that God has for you. Never give up on God. God will not give up on you. God never fails us nor forsakes us. Even when circumstances seem impossible, **don't give up**, because with God ALL things are possible to them that believe....including your dreams! (Mark 9:23)

*And they overcame... by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...*

— Revelations 12:11 (KJV)  
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