



The Notes

ONE LAST CHANCE

Part 1: “Can’t See the Forest for the Trees”

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TO SEE WHAT’S NEXT FOR ME, I HAVE TO
LOOK PAST...

1. ...THE _____ I THINK ARE _____
ME BACK.

“Many sick people were lying on the porches beside the pool. Some of them were blind, some were crippled, and some were paralyzed. One of the men lying there had been sick for 38 years. Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been sick for a very long time. So he asked him, ‘Do you want to be well?’ The sick man answered, ‘Sir, there is no one to help me get into the water when it starts moving. I try to be the first one into the water. But when I try, someone else always goes in before I can.’”

John 5:3-7 (ERV)

“Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don’t be impressed with yourself. Don’t compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.”

Galatians 6:4-5 (MSG)

2. ...THE _____ THAT ARE _____
ME DOWN.

“Elijah became very afraid. He ran away to save his life. He arrived at Beersheba in Judah. He left his servant there. Then Elijah went into the desert by himself. He travelled for about a day. He found a small tree there and he sat down under it. He prayed that he might die. He said, ‘Lord, I have had enough trouble! Take my life from me. It is no better for me here than to be with my dead ancestors.’ Then he lay down under the tree and he slept. Suddenly, an angel came and touched him. The angel said, ‘Get up and eat something.’”

1 Kings 19:3-5 (EASY)

“Why am I so sad? Why am I so upset? I tell myself, ‘Wait for God’s help! You will again be able to praise him, your God, the one who will save you. In my sadness I say, ‘I will remember you from here on this small hill, where Mount Hermon and the Jordan River meet.’”

Psalms 42:5 (ERV)

3. ...THE _____ I HAVE THAT ARE _____
IN MY _____.

“What you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what he wants you to do. Then he will give you all these other things you need.”

Matthew 6:33 (ERV)

“My dear brothers and sisters, stay firmly planted—be unshakable—do many good works in the name of God, and know that all your labor is not for nothing when it is for God.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 (TVB)

“So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.”

Galatians 6:9 (MSG)