



1. The purposes of God
can always be found
despite our circumstances

*Php 1:12 And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, **that everything that has happened to me here** has helped to spread the Good News. 13 For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. 14 And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.*

Ph1:15 It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. 16 They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. 17 Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me.



Love always
rejoices in the
truth
*Ph1:18 But that doesn't
matter. Whether their motives
are false or genuine, the
message about Christ is being
preached either way, so I
rejoice. And I will continue to
rejoice. 18 For I know that as
you pray for me and the Spirit
of Jesus Christ helps me, this
will lead to my deliverance.*

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For all creation is waiting eagerly
for that future day when God will
reveal who his children really are.

Romans 8:19

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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.

Romans 5:5

A dirt road winds through a vineyard at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple, with soft clouds. The vineyard rows are supported by wooden posts and stretch into the distance. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

For to me, to live is
Christ and to die is gain.

Paul the Apostle

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Php 1:26

so that through my being with you again your **boasting in Christ Jesus** will abound on account of me. (NIV)

And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to **take pride in Christ Jesus** because of what he is doing through me. (NLT)

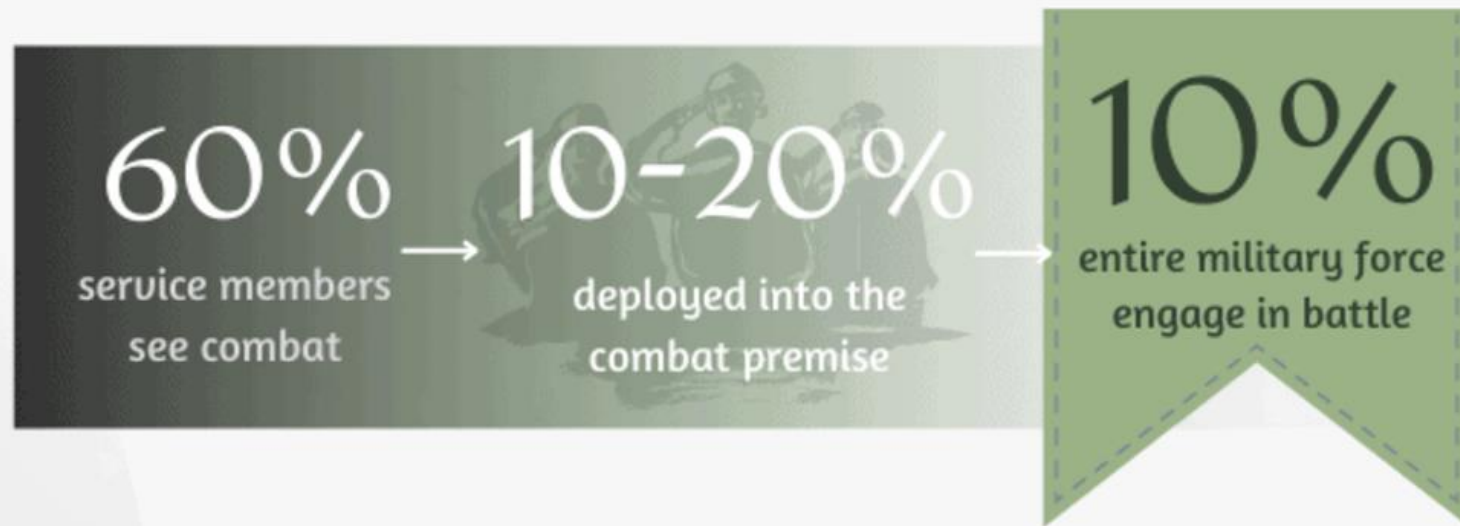
so that in me you may have ample cause to **glory in Christ Jesus**, because of my coming to you again. (ESV)

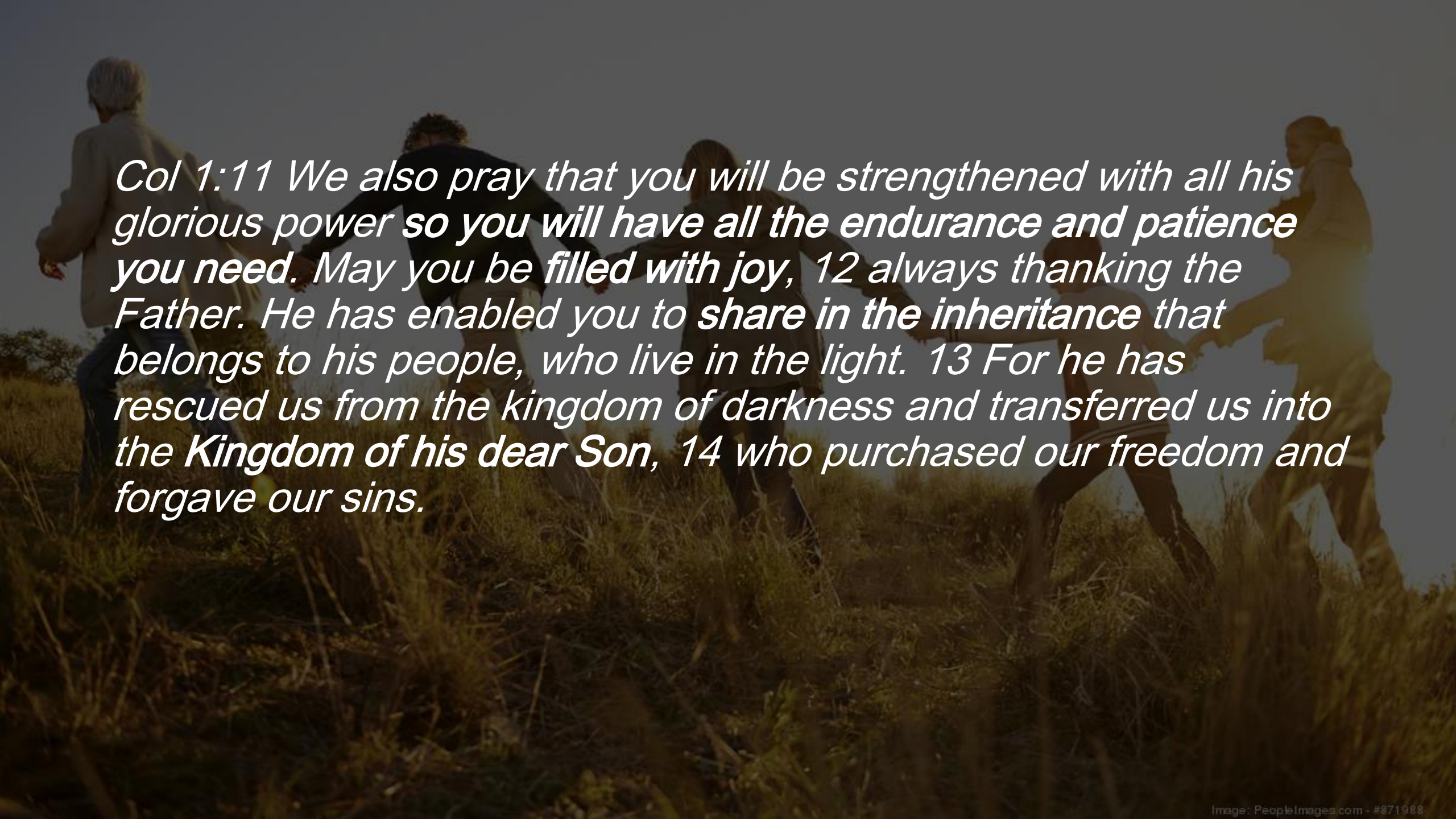
so that through my coming to you again your **exultation in Christ Jesus** will resound on account of me. (BSB)

27 Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. 28 Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. 29 For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. 30 We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.



of **PERCENTAGE** **SOLDIERS SEE COMBAT**



A group of five people, seen from behind, are walking away from the camera through a field of tall, dry grass. They are holding hands, suggesting a sense of unity and support. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sky, and the overall tone is one of hope and journey.

Col 1:11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

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- Colossians 1:13 -