

Dominion Seat of Favor

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A Christian is an Iron bender

Throughout Scripture, God often uses imagery of strength, endurance, and shaping to describe the work He does in the life of believers. One powerful way to understand the life of a Christian is to see the believer as an iron bender. Iron is strong, resistant, and difficult to shape. Yet when placed in the hands of a skilled worker and exposed to heat and pressure, even iron can be bent and formed. **Jeremiah 23:29**--“Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

Likewise, the Christian life is not passive. It involves strength, perseverance, and the power of God working within us to overcome resistance, shape character, and influence the world around us. A Christian becomes an iron bender because through Christ we are empowered to overcome trials, resist sin, and help shape lives for the Kingdom of God.

I. The Christian Bends the Iron of Personal Weakness-- Before a believer can influence the world, God must first work on the heart. Human nature is stubborn, resistant, and hardened by sin.

Ezekiel 36:26

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh.” The heart of stone represents hardness and resistance to God. When a person comes to Christ, God begins to reshape them. He softens what was hard and strengthens what was weak. Many people believe Christians are naturally strong people. The truth is that Christians become strong because God reshapes them. According to **2nd Corinthians 12:9** it states that “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” Just as iron must be heated before it can bend, believers often go through trials that soften their hearts and strengthen their faith. God bends the iron of pride into humility. He bends the iron of fear into courage. He bends the iron of doubt into faith.

II. The Christian Bends the Iron of Life’s Difficulties

Life brings pressure, hardship, and opposition. Without faith, these things can break a person. But through Christ, believers are strengthened to endure and overcome.

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.” Iron bending requires pressure. Without pressure, iron remains unchanged. In the same way, God uses life’s pressures to strengthen believers.

James 1:2-4

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” The trials we face are not meant to destroy us. They are meant to refine us. When Joseph was betrayed by his brothers,

God was shaping him.

When David faced Goliath, God was strengthening him. When Paul suffered persecution, God was advancing the Gospel. Christians become iron benders when they refuse to allow circumstances to defeat their faith.

III. The Christian Bends the Iron of the Enemy’s

Resistance--The Christian life involves spiritual warfare. The enemy attempts to discourage, deceive, and defeat believers.

Ephesians 6:12--“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers. “But believers are not powerless.

Luke 10:19--“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. “Through prayer, faith, and the Word of God, believers overcome spiritual opposition. The Word of God itself is described as a weapon.

Hebrews 4:12--“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.”

An iron bender does not run from resistance. Resistance is what proves strength. Every time a believer stands firm in faith, they bend the iron of the enemy’s plans.

IV. The Christian Helps Shape Others

An iron bender does not only shape metal; he creates something useful from it. In the same way, Christians are called to influence others and help shape lives for God. **Proverbs 27:17**—states that “Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” God uses believers to strengthen and encourage one another, through prayer, through discipleship, through teaching the Word. Jesus spent three years shaping His disciples so they could transform the world.

Matthew 5:14--“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. “Christians are called to influence their homes, churches, communities, and nations. Where there is discouragement, they bring hope, where there is confusion, they bring truth, where there is weakness, they bring strength.

V. The Ultimate Iron Bender Is Christ

While believers are strengthened by faith, the greatest example of an iron bender is Jesus Himself. He faced rejection but remained obedient. He endured suffering but fulfilled His mission.

Hebrews 12:2--“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. “At the cross, it appeared that the world had defeated Him. But through His death and resurrection, Christ bent the iron of sin, death, and the grave.

1st Corinthians 15:57—states that “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Because of Christ’s victory, believers can walk in strength and authority.

A Christian is an iron bender, not because of personal strength, but because of the power of God working within them. Christians bend the iron of:

- personal weakness
- life’s trials
- spiritual opposition

• and the challenges of shaping the next generation. My dearly beloved, God takes ordinary people and gives them extraordinary strength. **Isaiah 40:31** states that “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.” No matter how strong the resistance, the believer stands firm because God is the source of their strength. Today I declare that--
By the power of God, we will not break under pressure. We will not surrender to fear. We will not be defeated by adversity. Through Christ, we will bend every obstacle, overcome every trial, and stand strong in faith. In Jesus mighty name, Amen. God bless you all !!!!

First Bible Reading: Luke 10:1-12

Second Bible Reading: Philippians 4:10-20

2026 Motto---

This is my year of Divine Fulfillment. According to Isaiah 55: 11, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” According to Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. The glory and power of God protects and directs me this year and enable me to succeed in every aspect of my life. Almighty God covers me with his safety blanket this year and I abide under His shadow. I decree that this year is pleasant for me and my family. Wherever I go people see the glory of God shining upon my life. God’s goodness favor and mercy rests upon me wherever I go this year. Almighty God makes a way for me to breakthrough in every aspect of my life. I am an overcomer. Grace and mercy are my daily companions. I abide everyday under the secret place of the most high God. The forces of heaven protect and defend me. This is a year of outstanding testimonies and triumph for me. I receive grace to walk with God faithfully and stand with God in prayer.

2026 delivers my expected blessings and miracles. My divine inheritance of peace and joy shall not be compromised. I reject spiritual, physical and financial embarrassment this year. According to Job 8:22; those that hate me shall be clothed with shame. I am not an image of failure, and I am not fashioned after the likeness of a God of the tail. I am the salt of the earth and inside of me is every Excellency of the power of God. According to Joel 2:4, my appearance is as the appearance of a horse, so I leap high like mighty men and if I fall upon the sword, it cannot hurt me. I seek first the Kingdom of God; therefore, everything I need is added unto me. I shall not labor in vain. I walk every day in victory. God’s plans for my destiny are fulfilled. Jehovah is my rock and fortress. The everlasting God equips me and carries me through this year. I will not die prematurely; I experience all round wellness. It is well with me in Jesus mighty name.

REGULAR SERVICES:

Worker’s prayer meeting @ 10.00 a.m. –10. 20a.m
Sunday School @ 10.30 a.m. –11.00 a.m.
Sunday Service@ 11.00a.m—12.30 p.m.
Digging Deep—Every Tuesday 7p.m-8p.m
Wednesday prayer meeting @ 7.30p.m—8. 00p.m
Meeting ID: 84263021723
Passcode: 010853
Early morning cry—Every First Saturday of the month—7 a.m-8 a.m. prompt
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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3. INTERCESSION
4. BIBLE READING
5. ANNOUNCEMENT
6. WELCOME OF GUESTS
7. OFFERING
8. SPECIAL MINISTRATION
9. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
10. EXHORTATION
11. CLOSING GRACE AND BENEDICTION

Congregational Hymn

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Refrain:
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Let me at a throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.

Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by Thy grace.

Thou, the Spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heav'n but Thee?

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER” HEBREWS 13v8