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- Called by many names — determination, resilience, fortitude, endurance, perseverance — grit is a divine quality that is required of all of us. But why do so few seem to possess it? Many people struggle with self-doubt, weakness, self-pity, and a lack of resolve when the “going gets tough.”

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- Time does not allow us to look in detail at the lives of Ruth, Joshua, Moses, Jeremiah, Hezekiah, John, Esther, Noah...

FAILURE IS A TEACHER

Galatians 6:7-10, 2 Thessalonians 3:13, Matthew 24:12-13

The background of the image is a photograph of a rugged mountain range. The mountains are covered in patches of snow and have steep, rocky slopes. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, suggesting an overcast or stormy day. In the center of the image, there is a dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay that serves as a background for the text.

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- Get up. Go to work. Say the next prayer. Pay the next bill. Take that phone call. Go back to school the day after being bullied.



DO HARD THINGS

HEBREWS 5:7-9, 1 PETER 2:19-25

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- Compare the world's excuse-makers and self-defenders to Jesus, who was silent as a lamb led to slaughter.