NOWHERE ELSE BUT HERE.
For I have plans for you declares the Lord
plans to give you hope and a future

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV
Welcome to The Light Post

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ONLY AT GUIDING LIGHT.

Transparency and Constant Improvement.
Nowhere else but here.

Erin Ledy spent a lot of time mulling a way to help people differentiate Guiding Light from all the other agencies that help men find their way into recovery and employment. It keeps coming back to four little words: “Nowhere else but here.”

That’s how strongly she – and others who work at and support Guiding Light – feel about the programs in place that go far beyond serving as a revolving door for men who know the meaning of vulnerability and utter desperation.

“Our donors need to know that we’re growing bolder in our efforts to publicize how we’re setting ourselves apart. Guiding Light is an entirely different culture.”

Ledy doesn’t tie her proclamation to a feeling or a hunch. She’s got real numbers to back up the claim that Guiding Light is like no other. All day long, she sits at a desk and crunches data that focuses on transparency and reveals real-life outcomes.
It’s an about-face from earlier campaigns and the way some other agencies still operate, relying too heavily on emotional pleas or hitching their wagons to just one incredible success story which doesn’t accurately reflect typical experiences and outcomes.

Instead, thanks to Ledy’s expertise, Guiding Light is banking more on a storehouse of data analysis that will inform them as they develop smarter and more sophisticated ways to affect the lives of men fighting for their lives.

“Our future – and the very survival of those we serve – depends on developing savvy solutions that take into account where these men have been, and how they might launch in ways that spell real success,” says Stuart P. Ray, Guiding Light’s Executive Director.

“We’re absolutely a Christian organization, but nobody sings hymns for their supper anymore,” Ray says. “Elsewhere, maybe. But not here. And we’re OK with donors knowing that, and how we’re acting in the best interests of the men and the communities in which they crave to live and work and worship.”

"Are we trying to elevate the bar? Yes. And without apology. Because we’re at war on behalf of these men."

If Ray sounds militant, it’s only because he’s seen what traditional programs render – strategies that don’t provide sustainable results. And so he and Ledy huddle over the numbers with an understanding that “out with the old and in with the new means” implementing innovative methodologies. The
deeper they dug into the data, they began to question who else was doing the same. Ledy and Ray shared information with several organizations and individuals, but no one else seemed to be digging into the root causes that bring men to shelters and temporary housing.

Toward that pioneering end, Ledy collects information about each man entering either the Recovery or Back to Work program and adds it to data already collected on dozens of others.

She catalogs everything from past convictions to financials to work experience to medical debt to housing to education and family histories — and then explores how that information can help create solutions that help men move forward within a world in flux.

“The outcomes aren’t always as pretty as we’d like,” says Ledy, “but again, we’re transparent about that, and not ashamed or apologetic about acknowledging that not every one of our men successfully graduates either program. But we’ve only been collecting information for a little over a year, and we’re confident that as we grow and learn more, we’ll draw closer to those winning formulas.”

Ledy says the insights they’ve gleaned are already shifting the way the programs address men’s issues. “Going forward, we want to dig to the next level. Not only with what we’re asking about, but what the program addresses. It’s moving from ‘you need to get a job, and we can provide you a place to stay’ to ‘look we’ll provide you a place to stay, and we’ll also provide you some advocacy and case management. Can we resolve any past debt, can we resolve any court or legal issues?’ We are moving to the next level to get at some of those root causes of not being able to sustain housing and employment.
“In essence,” says Ray, “we’re dealing with tactics. Debt repayment is a tactic. It’s the same with Recovery – group counseling is a tactic, and a pretty successful one, too.”

Ray says it’s also important to educate donors on how their gifts are being used, especially in light of how Guiding Light assists with debt repayment. Fully 75 percent of wages men earn in the Back to Work program are managed by Guiding Light, and a significant amount of that is re-directed toward erasing their own debt.

“Just getting a job is not enough. Work is important, but so is learning how to resolve all these other issues that are getting in the way of sustaining employment.”

All the numbers Ledy collects and continues to manage are an open book, and she points to that data as a cornerstone of the organization’s transparency. “We have a very clear methodology of how we’re producing these numbers and seeing results. And that’s accessible to the public. This is exactly how we got here. This is exactly what your money produces.”

Ray emphasizes. “We feel an obligation to share it,” he says, “especially with our donors. They deserve to grasp what it is we’re trying to do. And how true it is that these progressive strategies are happening ‘nowhere else but here.’"
Looking at the data:

**BACK TO WORK 2018 YTD**

- **43**
  - Average Age

- **$9,100**
  - Average Debt Burden

- **43%**
  - Struggle with Medical Debt

- **36%**
  - Have Unpaid Student Loans

- **34%**
  - Are in Arrears on Utility Bills

- **80%**
  - Deal with Two or More of These Debt Burdens

- **$13,244**
  - Average Wage of Men leaving the Program

- **$65,000**
  - In Combined Savings for Men leaving the Program
Our Principles:

CHRIST-CENTRED

Recognizing Christ as part of the Trinity, we base and Lordship of Jesus Christ, according to scripture.

COLLABORATE

We recognize that each member of the community that must be utilized together to fulfill God’s purpose.

COURAGE

Fueled by an inner drive and determination to live and as a team, during triumphs and challenges.

INTEGRITY

We are honest, thoughtful and well-intentioned in fellow employees, our clients, our donors and the

LOVING

We strive to serve with respect, humility and kindness to God (the Lord).

STEWARDSHIP

We are responsible to God and all stakeholders for time, talents and treasure.

PRAYER

We recognize the need to place our lives before the
up the Lord through prayer.

For making the best use of our entrusted

kindness, as we are all equals according to

in all our dealings with others including

by our core values, individually

we all our actions on the teachings

has unique and essential strengths

pose.
A NEW JOB.
A RENEWED PURPOSE.

That is what each client should expect from participating in Guiding Light's Back to Work program. We are a four-month program designed to provide support, resources, and case management for homeless, unemployed (or underemployed) men looking to return to self-sufficiency and financial independence.

We provide for each client’s basic necessities: safe space, hot meals, toiletries, laundry, work equipment, bagged lunches and morning devotions. We also provide support, resources and guidance to empower each man in resolving debt and credit issues. We provide intensive case management, high standards and comprehensive programming.

Our Vision.

Back to Work does not believe in “band-aids” or a revolving door: we work towards solutions and resolutions which empower men to be self-sufficient, contributing members of our community.

Men are expected to dive into any past debt or current legal issues, with the help of advocates, to truly resolve problems. Data-driven programming and strong peer support provide a structure to give each man the best opportunity to re-engage with life as a financially independent and securely-housed individual.
**Phase One**  During your first 30 days you must:

Have secure, full time employment

Have set amount of savings in your account at Guiding Light. This amount will be determined by your employment start date, budget, hourly wage and the 75% required

Complete a budget with your case manager

If each requirement of Phase One is not met by the end of the phase, you will be discharged from the BTW Program

**Phase Two**  During your second 30 days, you must:

Continue with your required amount of savings within this second phase

Run a credit report with the assistance of your case manager, as well as meet with your case manager regarding improving your credit score

(If you are paying child support) Meet with a Friends of the Court advocate and with your case manager regarding current payments or any arrears

If each requirement of Phase Two is not met by the end of the phase, you will be discharged from the BTW Program
**Phase Three**
During your third 30 days, you must:

- Continue with your required amount of savings
- Have a good idea of where and what you are able to find for housing
- Continue with improving credit, continue case management, possible extra volunteering
- Maintain stable, steady employment with the same company
- If each requirement of Phase Three is not met by the end of the phase, you will be discharged from the BTW program

**Phase Four**
During your last 30 days you must:

- Continue with your required amount of savings within this fourth phase
- Begin to secure housing and determine a move-in date. If you desire to stay past 120 days due to housing availability, you may request extended stay for $50 per week
His grade point average upon graduating in 2016 from Grand Rapids Christian High? A stunning 3.8, and that included grinding it out in Advanced Placement classes.

His ACT score: a healthy 31, which put him in the top 95th percentile of the nearly 2 million high school seniors who take the test annually, a score good enough to almost certainly secure admittance to some of the most highly reputed universities nationwide.

Tragically, alcohol and drugs ensnared Zack instead. And rather than embarking on an illustrious college career, he dropped out after one semester at community college, never dreaming that addiction would create the sordid detours it did.

“In the beginning, I just thought I could outsmart addictions,” he says. “I thought, hey, I’m just experimenting.” But one substance led to another, and “I went through pretty much everything but heroin.”
Following graduation from Christian, he got a good job at an upscale Grand Rapids restaurant, earning enough to finance a “pretty nice apartment” and enjoy times with a “great girlfriend.”

But he got caught one too many times using and stealing alcohol from his employer. The loss of a steady income led to him being evicted and later losing his girlfriend. Destitute, he eventually entered a detox program here in West Michigan, but after exiting, quickly returned to drinking heavily and “doing a lot of psychedelics.”

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He had burned through all his chances with his parents, but his grandparents finally relented and allowed him to sleep in their basement. Finally, in December 2017, Zack found his way to Guiding Light’s Back to Work program. He celebrated 100 consecutive days of being clean in mid-March of 2018.
These days, Zack works full-time – and often overtime – at a metal finishing company, earning $13 an hour. “I work my butt off at this job,” he says with a measure of pride. His dreams for the future? He laughs in answering that it includes the prospect of “something where I’m not working all the time.”

Zack says he sometimes considers ways in which he might give back to Guiding Light, considering the risk we took with him, and how he’s thrived here.

He’s especially appreciative of Guiding Light’s donors. “Without them,” he says, “I know there would be no program.”

“Somebody told me what it costs a month to run this place, and that blew me away, because everything is free here – my locker, the utilities, laundry, it’s just endless. And when I get out of the program, they’ll still support me with a hot meal now and then, bag lunches, toiletries.”

He grabs a breath. “That’s just amazing to me.”

**THROUGH BACK TO WORK ZACK HAS:**
- **ESTABLISHED CREDIT**
- **LEARNED TO BUDGET**
- **& SAVED $6,000**
100% of men in Back to Work this year have at least their GED.

49% have attended some college or have a bachelor’s degree.

100% of men in Back to Work report being homeless.

120 days is the new length of the program to better prepare the men in need.

800+ men have gained full-time employment through Back to Work since 2012.
The interior of a basic Ford Focus boasts about 90 cubic feet of passenger space, less room than you’d find in the most confining closet.

But that’s what Kadeem, 28, called home for the better part of five months, eking out an existence in his car in all kinds of weather, including cold and rain.

Born in southwest Florida, Kadeem’s father died when he was but an infant. His mother, he says, lost custody due to her abuse of drugs and alcohol.

Gratefully, his aunt intervened, and he stayed with her the majority of his life, until he was 26, just a couple years ago.

While in Florida, Kadeem secured a job at a gas station/convenience store before moving to the Lansing area with his girlfriend to take another job with the same company. His relationship with the girl ended, and he moved in with friends, but when that didn’t work out, he saw living in his car as his only option.

He would park it at rest stops until police arrived and told him to move on. Somehow, he managed to hang onto the job, but it wasn’t enough to allow him to save for a deposit on his own place.
He stored everything he owned in the Focus, sleeping in the rear, even though he felt “unsteady” at the prospect of someone assaulting or robbing him. “It's hard to get a good night’s sleep in a car,” he says. “I tried reclining, but found the back seat was better.”

Exhausted from lack of sleep, he fell asleep at the wheel one night and totaled his car. The investigating officer assumed Kadeem had been drinking, but he passed sobriety tests, and the officer actually gave Kadeem a ride to his workplace.

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There, a co-worker agreed to take him in to share her place, but that opportunity ended when Kadeem lost his job.

He found his way to Guiding Light’s Back to Work program, where he’s been enrolled since October 2017. He now works second shift up to 60 hours a week at a manufacturing plant near the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, using the local bus system to get to and from work.
“It’s monotonous,” he says, “but still fun, and I like the people I work with, especially my manager.” He contemplates nearing the age of 30, and figures he would have had the American Dream in his pocket by now – “A house, wife, kids, all of it.”

He’s learning to become patient, realizing that life can throw tough curves. He blames no one for where he is now: “I made the choices to move out, to move on.”

Since entering Guiding Light, Kadeem says he’s come to understand that “I’m a lot tougher than I think.” And he’s leaning on that attitude to complete the program, get his own place and move on. “If it weren’t for Guiding Light, I might not be here today,” he says. “I’d probably be in jail.” He nods and smiles broadly. “I have a lot to be thankful for.”

The majority of the men in the Back to Work program are like Kadeem; they have no stable living arrangement, plus debt and transportation issues. This makes it almost impossible to maintain work. Our program has been extended to 120 days so we can do a better job at helping men get hired. This permanent job allows men to secure a lease and know they have a steady income to maintain it.

**THROUGH BACK TO WORK KADEEM HAS:**

**IMPROVED HIS CREDIT 200PTS**

**MOVED INTO HIS OWN APARTMENT**

& **PAID OFF $4,500 IN DEBT**
...THOUGH I HAVE FALLEN, I WILL RISE. THOUGH I SIT IN DARKNESS, THE LORD WILL BE MY LIGHT.

Micah 7:8, NIV
CLEAN SLATE.
RESTORED
FAITH.

Guiding Light Recovery is an intensive drug and alcohol addiction treatment program designed to give men structure and opportunity to engage in change. Our four-to-six month residential program combines evidence-based practices, life-coaching, therapy, support groups and resources to equip men to stay sober and live life in a new way.

Our vision is to awaken the man with addictions to the possibility of becoming physically, emotionally and spiritually transformed.

Comprehensive, private and entirely free, we provide men a safe environment, time to heal and space to change. Our goal for men is lifelong recovery and a new way of being in relationship with the world.

Intensive Treatment.

Clients who are accepted into Guiding Light Recovery first complete Foundations, a four-month phase of focused treatment. During this phase, men are provided with educational classes based around Guiding Light Recovery’s seven focus points of Willingness, Honesty, Vulnerability, Self-Awareness, Self-Compassion, Responsibility and Spiritual Formation.

Each week, men attend group and individual therapy sessions with a licensed counselor specializing in addiction. They have weekly sessions with a life coach and case manager, as well as daily personal contact with outside community support groups. They also have sessions with a spiritual director to help guide them down a path of faith and spiritual healing.
Several times each week, the group comes together as a community; these group meetings are a space for our clients to express “what’s going on” in their recovery process. These frequent community meetings provide the men an important opportunity to hear feedback from their peers and a chance to acknowledge others’ changes. Men attend a weekly minimum of seven support groups and exercise as a group at the YMCA several times.

A key part of our program is the environment: we believe it is essential to have a culture which believes honesty, healthy relationship, and a desire for change are necessary elements of long-term sobriety.

**Comprehensive Care.**

We want to give men the best opportunity possible for living a healthy, connected life in recovery. We’ve created a structure in which men can stay under the umbrella of Guiding Light for an extensive period of time because we know it takes almost a year to change the physical structure of the brain.

After completing the four-month Foundations phase, clients are able to apply for Iron House — a Guiding Light-owned apartment complex designed for community-oriented sober living. If accepted, clients are able to move into a newly-renovated apartment once they have secured full-time employment. These men have jobs, pay rent, attend community support meetings and live their lives—all with access to the support and resources of the recovery program.

Men living at Iron House have the opportunity to attend classes, participate in a spiritual direction group, work with a life coach, and give back to the community through service. This is truly comprehensive, long-term, transformative care and we are excited to invest in our community in this way.
ADDICTION ALTERS THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE BRAIN.

The pleasure centers of the brain, responsible for dopamine production, are physically affected by drug and alcohol use. Recovery of these structures is possible, but the healing process takes time.
“Something sacred.” That’s how Alex describes the effects of Guiding Light’s programs on those men who choose to embrace it. He is quick to establish, however, that such a notion is not necessarily linked to a specific religious belief or denomination. Instead, he uses the term with a reverence for the way in which Guiding Light and its employees, supporters and patrons treat all people.

It took years, but for Alex, Guiding Light helped him establish this truth: “That there are people in this world willing to help others—and Guiding Light is an organization that has the tools to continue to make a lasting change.”

Born, raised and educated in Ionia, Alex tried his first alcoholic drink while in 6th grade, got drunk for the first time two years later, and while in high school began to smoke weed. “That became pretty important to me,” he recalls. “I thought it was so cool, and a very sociable thing to do. By the time I was a senior, I was drinking every weekend and smoking weed every day.”

He entered college, but by then was hooked on pain pills, and dropped out early on. “My life as an aspiring socialite was more important than going to school,” he says with obvious sarcasm. “So I quit Lansing Community College and got a dead-end job in a restaurant that I really didn’t like. I used OxyContin to kind of liven up my night shifts at work.”
Eventually, “every spare penny I had I spent on heroin,” and things tightened up when his mother discovered needles and paraphernalia in her home, where Alex was living at the time. She gave him an ultimatum: get help, or get out.

He was about to enter a treatment program in Saginaw County when a friend of his mother’s intervened and recommended Guiding Light. Alex entered the Recovery program in the spring of 2016 and has been making gains since—not that he ever wanted to come: “I wasn’t exactly willing to go, and I certainly did not want to be there.”

**HE WAS TRAVELING A ROCKY ROAD THAT ULTIMATELY COULD LEAD HIM TO HIS GRAVE, AND AFTER THE BETTER PART OF FIVE YEARS, HE’D FINALLY HIT BOTTOM.**

Still, Alex recognized that he was traveling a rocky road that ultimately could lead him to his grave, and after the better part of five years, he’d finally hit
bottom. “I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. And I was absolutely exhausted to be living this lifestyle. So I did whatever they told me to do. Once you reach a certain level of broken, I suppose you’ve got nothing left to lose. That’s when the miracle can happen.” And for Alex, it did.

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**THAT’S WHEN MIRACLES HAPPEN.**

He’s been clean now for two straight years, and looks back on his experience with a sense of awe. After completing the program, he secured a job as a cook at a retirement community and moved into an apartment at Iron House. After several months, Alex was able to move into his own place in Wyoming.

Alex still maintains contacts with Guiding Light, sometimes going back to visit residents in the program to offer them hope. “I was afforded the opportunity to stay there for seven months of my life,” he says. “So I do my best to give back.”

He lifts up Guiding Light as “the place where you’re going to receive a total and comprehensive recovery, and that includes a spiritual overhaul.” The end result? “I learned how to become the human being I’d wanted to become for so long.”
COME BACK TO ME, AND I WILL HEAL YOUR WAYWARD HEARTS.

JEREMIAH 3:22, NIV
He’s not sure if it’s still there, but when Robert concluded an overnight spiritual retreat as part of the Guiding Light Recovery program, he left for others who might come after him a poem tucked behind a cross in his bedroom.

It tells the tragic story of a nightmare from nearly two decades ago, when he was awakened by his wife screaming, “He’s dead! He’s dead!” When he rushed to her side, he discovered that their son Kyle, just four months old, had died from accidental asphyxiation while nursing at his mother’s breast.

Days later, he and his wife and their surviving children were looking down into a tiny open casket holding their Kyle, whose mother had simply fallen asleep while trying to nourish their infant son. It marked a turning point in Robert’s life. He spiraled down into the depths of such despair and hopelessness that on more than one occasion he nearly died from the effects of substance abuse.
The poem, he said, was left behind so that others suffering from their own
demons might learn that “you need to learn how to grieve, that things do pass,
that they can get better.”

While Robert’s situation is unique, trauma is a common theme in the men served,
and programming takes that into account with intensive therapy. Whether it’s abuse,
the death of a child or being abandoned by a parent, most have baggage that
contributes to substance use to deal with overwhelming emotions and situations.

For Robert, the road has been long, heartbreaking and dangerous. He’d
graduated Bloomingdale High School in Van Buren County in 1992 and married
shortly afterward, securing a good job in a bakery that lasted 14 years. “We
had a nice two-story house, a pool table, a Caddy.” But after Kyle’s death, the
relationship with his wife became strained to the point that Robert turned to drugs.

He lost virtually everything – his marriage, his job and the relationship he had
with his three other children. “I was so far gone. I chose the drugs and spent the
next years using, bouncing around house to house, unable to keep a job – lying,
stealing, manipulating – anything you can think of. I blamed everything on Kyle’s
death, and I blamed God, too.”

‘I was so far gone.’

No drug was exempt from the menu from which he sampled – including meth and
heroin. “I overdosed twice, and the first time it scared me so much I said I would
never use again.” He shakes his head. “But I was using again that same night.”

At one point, Robert was living with his father, who also used. Drawing on money
rendered from a medical settlement his father was awarded, Robert says the two burned through $130,000 in six months, most of it going for drugs and alcohol.

One weekend night, Robert awoke to find a team of doctors and nurses hovering. “I didn’t know what was going on. They found me on some street in South Haven, and it looked like I’d been hit in the face with a pistol.”

Discharged from the hospital, he slept that night in someone’s basement with a blanket as his bed. His primary concern? “How was I going to get my next fix?”

Weeping and destitute, he eventually returned to the hospital, expressing a desire to kill himself. A caseworker got him admitted to a residential drug treatment center, and after nine days he was referred to Guiding Light’s Recovery program, in September 2017.

Through intense intervention that included group sessions, therapy, spiritual direction and a life coach, Robert learned how to deal with Kyle’s death and more. “I came to realize my mind was so fried that I didn’t even know how to take the right steps anymore.”

Today, Robert is employed in the kitchen at an area hotel, where he hopes to earn his way back into bakery work there. He’s re-established healthy relationships with his ex-wife and kids, and has recently moved into Iron House while he’s saving money to once again live independently.
What stunned Robert was how “different” Guiding Light’s recovery program was compared to others with which he’s been exposed: “You know even after the first week. It’s more intertwined with teaching. And as for the power of prayer and spirituality – they’ve shown me that, too.”

“I would be dead right now if it weren’t for Guiding Light’s program,” he says. “When I first came here, I couldn’t even talk about Kyle’s death. But now I understand it as a part of me.”

To Guiding Light’s donors, Robert has this to say: “Your money is well-spent. It’s used for well-being, to teach people how to live again, to be able to experience their feelings and grasp the happiness possible in a life again.”

“What I’m now able to realize is how many wonderful people there are in the world out there. They have huge hearts, and I am so grateful.”

“I WOULD BE DEAD RIGHT NOW IF IT WEREN’T FOR GUIDING LIGHT’S PROGRAM.”
EVERY LIGHT NEEDS A SPARK.

Guiding Light Annual Banquet 2018
7/23/18

BART AUSTHOF MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Hit the links at Thornapple Pointe Golf Club for the Builders Exchange Bart Austhof Memorial Golf Outing, and support the Guiding Light Back To Work program. Registration is open for teams of four, as well as for a variety of sponsorship packages. Learn more at:
or call Starla at 616-451-0236 ext. 20

10/3/18

2018 GUIDING LIGHT ANNUAL BANQUET

Join us at Frederik Meijer Gardens as we hear from keynote speaker and #1 bestselling author of An Invisible Thread, Laura Schroff, and learn how acts of kindness saved a homeless child’s life. Your attendance will support our mission of restoring Grand Rapids men struggling with addiction and homelessness through recovery and re-engagement.

Tickets are limited: RSVP online by September 20th, or call 616-451-0236 ext. 20. Details and tickets are available online at:
GuidingLightWorks.org/banquet

Laura Schroff
Volunteering Opportunities

There are many opportunities for individuals, families or groups to volunteer. These opportunities range from lending a hand in our offices or kitchen, to help maintaining our vehicles and kitchen equipment from trade professionals. To learn more and volunteer, please visit:

GuidingLightWorks.org/Get-involved

Why give

By donating to Guiding Light, you help Grand Rapids men who are lost, homeless or recovering from addiction and substance abuse. With your support, we are getting these men off the street and on a payroll—renewing their faith and providing them with the community and resources they need to become productive and independent again.

How to give

Any single donation, no matter the size, helps us keep the light on. We also make it easy to set up recurring monthly donations, and we partner with Barnabas Foundation to provide estate planning services tailored to each family situation, at no cost to you.

To give by mail:

Please make check payable to Guiding Light.

Please mail to PO Box 1703, Grand Rapids, MI 49501

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To give online, or to learn more, visit:

GuidingLightWorks.org/Give

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Be strong, and do not give up for your work will be rewarded.

2 Chronicles 15:7, NIV
...CALL ON ME in the day of trouble; I WILL DELIVER YOU...

PSALMS 50:15, NIV

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