TAKE HEART

I am still confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalms 27:13-14 NIV

- Stay the course.
- Keep trusting God.
- Wait for deliverance.

God is powerful.

Exodus 14:21-22 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. NIV

God has a plan.

God is not done with me yet. Until my final breath, God still has a plan.

Whatever happens, <u>some good</u> will come of my suffering. There is redeeming value in his plan somewhere.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. NIV

Esther 4:14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" NIV

Job 42:10-12 ... The LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before... ¹² The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. NIV

The good of God's plan is not always evident in the <u>middle</u> of the plan.

God cares.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. NIV

Lamentations 3:31-33 For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. ³² Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. ³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. NIV

John 11:35 Jesus wept. NIV