

# DEVOTIONAL SERIES

# MY CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL

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The lyrics of this well-loved Army song, *My Christ Is All in All*, beautifully echo a truth that is at the very centre of our Christian faith: the truth that Jesus can be sufficient for every season of our lives, for every burden, for every joy, and for every unknown. The song's repeated cry, "Be Thou my all in all" is not just poetic language; it is the heartbeat of a surrendered life to an all-sufficient, all-knowing and all-powerful God.

The opening verse admits, "I feel how weak I am, but still to Thee for help I call." Scripture meets this honesty with confident assurance as Paul reminded the believers in Corinth: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV).

When we bring our frailty to Jesus, He doesn't turn us away or leave us to fend for ourselves. He fills us, strengthens us, and sustains us. Christ can be *all in all* in our weakness.

The second verse declares, "I count it gain to suffer loss, for Thou art all in all." This echoes Paul's heart in Philippians: "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things" (Philippians 3:7-8 NIV).

When Christ truly becomes our *all in all*, we discover that there is no earthly loss that can ever diminish the richness of His presence, nor the power of His grace.

The chorus proclaims surrender and trust even in the unknown: "Where I cannot see I'll trust." This is the faith to which we are invited. Faith that doesn't deny uncertainty, faith that doesn't preclude difficult challenges during our earthly journey; but rather, a faith that anchors us in Christ through all the unknowns and uncertainties that life brings us. Even when we do not see God's hand at work in our circumstance, we can still lean into the faith and the belief that He is working all things together for good.

And then the repeated refrain, "My Christ is all in all," which echoes the profound declaration of Colossians 3:11: "...but Christ is all, and is in all."

These are not merely the words to an old familiar chorus, set to a contemporary new melody. This is the lived experience of every believer who discovers that Jesus is enough for every season of our lives—in sorrow and in joy, in weakness and in strength, in struggle and in victory, Christ is my all in all.

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, be our all in all today. Fill our weakness with Your strength, our uncertainty with Your peace, and our losses with the surpassing worth of knowing You. Teach us to trust where we cannot see, and to rest in the truth that You are enough for every season, for every moment and for every need. Amen.*