

Good News By Vic Dove Life Hits Hard

“Even the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crops fail and the fields lie empty and barren...even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty... yet I will rejoice in the Lord...I will be joyful in the God of my Salvation!”
Habakkuk 3:17-18

Most of us have seen the movie Rocky. There have been about six Rocky movies but, the original to me, is no doubt, the best. The screen play for the original Rocky film was written by Sylvester Stallone in only three days. The Rocky series have grossed over 1.7 Billion dollars and won numerous Academy Awards... not bad for a guy who was down to his last three hundred dollars.

In one of the movies Rocky is talking to his son, who seems to be having a down day. Rocky tells his son, “Ain’t nothing hits as hard as life.” The great Italian

philosopher Rocky Balboa might have been a little slow both mentally and physically ...but he nailed it with that statement.

Another boxer, Mike Tyson, who is not a fictional character, is actually a World Champion in real life... put it this way... “Everybody has a plan until they get hit in the face with a hard right.” Doesn’t really matter what your opinion of Mike Tyson is...that statement is very true not only in the boxing ring...but in life also.

Although Rocky Balboa and Mike Tyson both got hit hard in the ring...knocked down time after time ...they both kept getting up...they kept coming back.

The lesson being it’s not a matter of how hard one gets hit or how many times one gets knocked down... but to always find a way to get back up...that is what counts.

One of my professors at Valdosta State had or has a plaque on his desk that reads... “Life is ten percent what happens to us and ninety percent how we react.” On many occasions the same professor would say “Conduct

is how you act, Character is how you react...because Character is what’s on the inside.”

Habakkuk lived and served God at a time when the Israelites had been knocked down and things were not looking very good at all. The fig trees had no figs...the olive trees had no olives...there were no grapes on the vines...no flocks in the fields nor cattle in the barns... trust me folks things were not looking good.

But Habakkuk was strong on the inside...he knew the only way God’s people could get back up was to turn back to their Source...their Creator...God the Father. And he did that by Rejoicing to the Lord in times of trouble...by Crying out to the God of their Salvation.

Folks our country needs healing...we have been hit hard...knocked down...but not out... We gotta get back up...our only Hope is to give praise to the God of our Salvation...our Creator our Source.

Shoulder to Shoulder,
Bro. Vic

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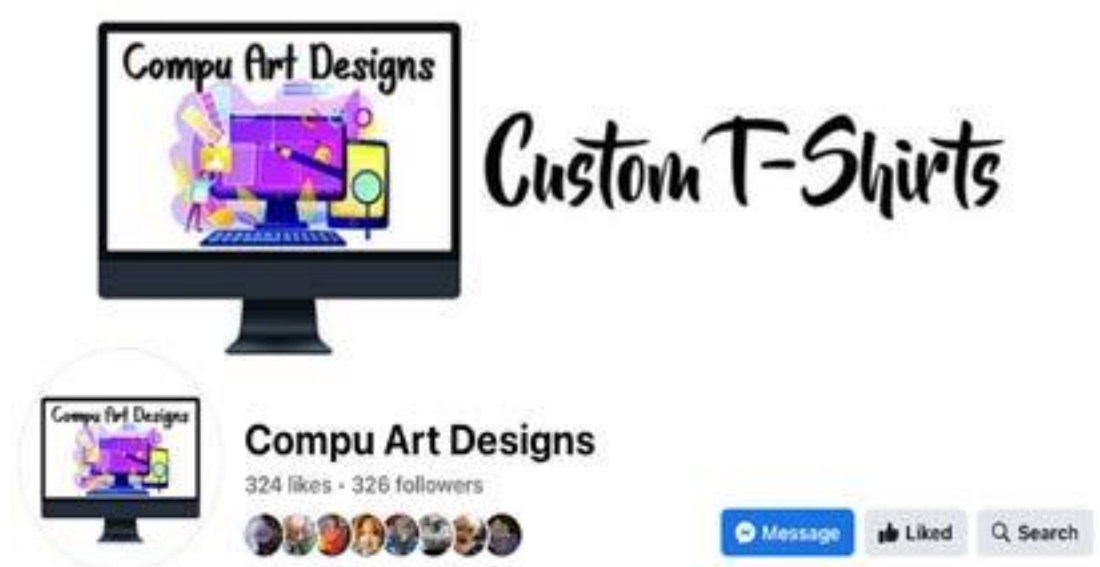
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