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Is.49,4: *"But I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due to me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with God."*

1Cor.15,58: *"Therefore stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."*

"The hour of our failure is the hour of God's nearness, not at all, as it may seem to us, of his distance." (DBonhoeffer)

Our reason denies that. But the cross of Christ affirms it.

If then, when seeking to do the work of the Lord, we go by the notion of 'success', avoiding the risk of failure at all costs, we are distant from what God is doing. But nothing when done faithfully is done in vain even in failure. Take heart!