

Breathing Room- Some final advice

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

Proverbs 1:8-9

The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride. Ecclesiastes 7:8

Do not say, "Why were the old days better than these?" For it is not wise to ask such questions. Ecclesiastes 7:10

When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future. Ecclesiastes 7:21,22

1) The end of your story is better than the beginning



Video of luxury suite.

We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3,4

Everything you want is on the other side of hard.

Monty Williams

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=oVtUB-bUFMg>

(Clip Monty Williams speech from the beginning to 1:50)

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

If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success. Ecclesiastes 10:10

2) Sharpen Your Axe

There are two reasons why the smaller lumberjack outworked the larger lumberjack.

1. He took a break.

On the seventh day he rested from all his work. Genesis 2:2b

2. He sharpened his axe

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” Abraham Lincoln

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. Ecclesiastes 12:13

3) Simplify your life

Final Question: Who's the author of your life? Who is in control of writing your story?