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Turning Cant's Into Cans

(How To Feel You Can When Everyone Else
Knows You Can't)
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"I can do everything
through him who gives me strength."

How do we learn what we can't do?

By listening to your critics.

"Are these all there are?' 'Well, there is the youngest,' Jesse replied. 'But he's out in the fields watching the sheep. . . ." (1 Sam 16:11)

"But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking like that, he was angry. 'What are you doing around here, anyway?' he demanded. 'What about the sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know what a cocky brat you are; you just want to see the battle!'" (1 Sam 17:28)

By living with false promises.

"Don't be ridiculous!' Saul replied. 'How can a kid like you fight with a man like him? You are only a boy, and he has been in the army since he was a boy!' But David persisted" (1 Sam 17:33-34)

By losing artificial competitors.

". . . /s not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his **thousands**, and David his ten **thousands**?" (1 Sam 21:11)

With God's Help . . .

"***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. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**" (Romans 8:28-31 NIV)

I will **excel** at what I **must do** with **what's available**.

". . . the people who know their God shall be strong and do great things." (Dan 11:32)

"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow evil men's advice, who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God. But they delight in doing everything God wants them to, and day and night are always meditating on his laws and thinking about ways to follow him more closely." (Psa 1)

I will **derail** the devices of **difficult people**.

"See what I have in my hand? It is the hem of your robe! I cut it off, but I didn't kill you! Doesn't this convince you that I am not trying to harm you and that I have not sinned against you, even though you have been hunting for my life? The Lord will decide between us. Perhaps he will kill you for what you are trying to do to me, but I will never harm you. As that old proverb says, 'Wicked is as wicked does,' but **despite your wickedness, I'll not touch you.**" (1 Sam 24:11-15)

I will **prevail** against I will **prevailing wisdom**.

"**no weapon forged against you will prevail**, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me,' declares the LORD." (Isaiah 54:17)