

## You Still Have Moves to Make

Sometimes I play a game on my computer called Solitaire. It is a variation of the card game solitaire. You have four places you can move a single card to be able to play the card underneath. Because of the four places it is much easier to win than the traditional solitaire card game. In effect, you get four extra chances to win the game.



In our daily lives the Lord gives us extra chances to make the right choices. He forgives us when we make mistakes – not just four times, but countless times. As long as we can keep our faith active we can still win the game of life.

I have a tendency to be impatient and give up easily. When I play Solitaire I often reach a point where I think there are no more moves to make and I quit the game. When I click on “quit,” the computer asks me “Are you sure you want to resign the game.” It is easy to click “yes” and move onto a new game. But, when I keep working at playing the game, it is surprising how often I end up winning that game.

In real life I envision God overlooking how my game of life is going, and thinking, “Don’t quit. There are still moves to make. God knows one key move you can make for everything to fall into place. Keep working at it and you will discover the plan God has for you. Yes, God is watching over us, hoping we see the moves that will lead to victory. With Him, we will be a winner in the game of life.

You can be the voice in someone’s life that tells them not to quit looking for the one move that will make a win possible in their life. Don’t let yourself or others resign the game and just hope that a new day will be better. In life there is too much at stake. The game of life is all about an eternity with God. Keep looking for moves that achieve the victory that Christ has won for you.

**Scripture:** *When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s judgment. For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God. (Romans 5:6-11)*

**Question:** If you seek God’s plan for your life, how do you resist the temptation to give up easily when the times are rough?

**Prayer:** It is easy to give up anytime we encounter resistance. Help us to be strong and resilient in our pursuit of your plan in our lives. Amen.