

The Big Audition

A promising singer faced a big audition. Alone in a hotel room far from home, she was excited about the opportunity, but feared failure.

“If I don’t get this job,” she told herself, “I’ll probably never get another audition.”

You may have felt the same way before a job interview, thinking that if you didn’t get the job, you might never find another that you want as much. All of us occasionally fall into the pit of discouragement. We simply can’t see any option other than the one before us.

The singer dug her way out of that thinking.

On the day of her audition, she picked up a magazine at breakfast and read a story about Garry Kasparov, a great Soviet chess player. He had been involved in a month-long match with Anatoly Karpov, the world champion. Kasparov was losing but he didn’t cave in. He fought hard, regained lost ground, and eventually won the match.



This article inspired the young singer. “If he could do it, so can I,” she thought. Confidently, she walked onto the stage that afternoon and sang her heart out. That audition led to the first of many jobs. She found new life for her career.

It’s easy to lose faith in your ability to succeed. If you look around, you’ll find someone else who has triumphed against the odds. Even if you can’t find a living example of a failure-reversing or difficulty-overcoming hero in your circle of acquaintances, you can certainly find them in the Scriptures.

Stories of men and women who faced seeming insurmountable circumstances and came through with God’s help fill the pages of the Bible.

Allow their example to inspire you. The same God who helped them is present and wants to help you now. Allow Him and trust Him.

Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

– Beecher Hunter