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For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

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Notice how prayer is described by Paul.

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God does not tell you what He is going to do;  
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Oswald Chambers

My Utmost for His Highest

January 2nd

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