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It is this divine influence always accompanying active, evangelical faith, which makes it an element of power. The believer, beholding his weakness, flies trembling from himself, with an earnestness which awakens and concentrates all his energies in an act of trust in his deliverer. And in that very act he waxes strong ; for Christ strengthens him. He exclaims with wonder, as his soul grows conscious of the aid it has received, " When I am weak, then AM I STRONG — *Verily, all things ARE possible* to him that believeth." He gazes on the wiles of his spiritual tempters, on the hostilities of the world, on the trials of life, on the stern demands of duty ; he remembers his past weaknesses, he collects every hostile image around him ; and when his adversaries stand up in their most gigantic and forbidding aspect, and