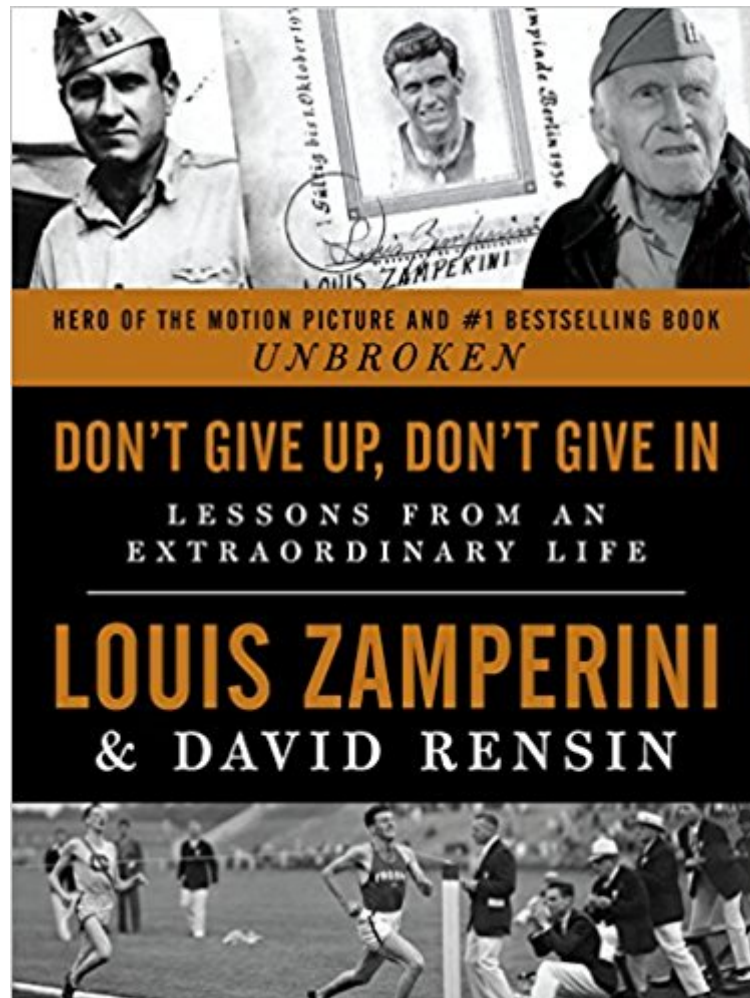




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# Don't Give Up, Don't Give In: Lessons From An Extraordinary Life



## Synopsis

New York Times bestseller More than 100,000 copies in print Completed just two days before Louis Zamperini's death at age ninety-seven, *Don't Give Up, Don't Give In* shares a lifetime of wisdom, insight, and humor from "one of the most incredible American lives of the past century" (People). Zamperini's story has touched millions through Laura Hillenbrand's biography *Unbroken* and its blockbuster movie adaptation directed by Angelina Jolie. Now, in his own words, Zamperini reveals with warmth and great charm the essential values and lessons that sustained him throughout his remarkable journey. He was a youthful troublemaker from California who turned his life around to become a 1936 Olympian. Putting aside his track career, he volunteered for the army before Pearl Harbor and was thrust into World War II as a B-24 bombardier. While on a rescue mission, his plane went down in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where he survived against all odds, drifting two thousand miles in a small raft for forty-seven days. His struggle was only beginning: Zamperini was captured by the Japanese, and for more than two years he courageously endured torture and psychological abuse in a series of prisoner-of-war camps. He returned home to face more dark hours, but in 1949 Zamperini's life was transformed by a spiritual rebirth that would guide him through the next sixty-five years of his long and happy life. Louis Zamperini's *Don't Give Up, Don't Give In* is an extraordinary last testament that captures the wisdom of a life lived to the fullest.

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"A fitting capstone to the Zamperini legend. ... This valedictory book reflects the charm and

colorful authority he brought to the world. (USA Today) “Not simply another rehashing of Zamperini’s incredible history, this second memoir, dictated to co-author Rensin during the last year of the author’s life, brims with sage wisdom, learned advice and fond observations from his adventurous 97 years. ... Inspirational. (Kirkus) “One of the most incredible American lives of the past century. (People, on Louis Zamperini) “Louis Zamperini is a modern miracle. His life reads like something out of a storybook. (Billy Graham, on Louis Zamperini) “Louis Zamperini’s life is a story that befits the greatness of the country he served. (John McCain, on Louis Zamperini) “An extraordinary hero. (Publishers Weekly)

Champion. Survivor. Hero. Legend. Completed just two days before Louis Zamperini’s death at age 97, *Don’t Give Up, Don’t Give In* shares a lifetime of wisdom, insight, and humor from one of America’s most inspiring lives. Zamperini’s story has touched millions through Laura Hillenbrand’s biography *Unbroken*, soon to be a major motion picture directed by Angelina Jolie. Now, in his own words, Louis Zamperini reveals, with warmth and great charm, the essential values and lessons that sustained him throughout his remarkable journey. He was a youthful troublemaker from California who turned his life around to become a 1936 Olympian and a world-class miler at the University of Southern California. Putting aside his superstar track career, Louis Zamperini volunteered for the army before Pearl Harbor and was thrust into the violent combat of World War II as a B-24 bombardier. While on a rescue mission, his plane went down in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where he survived, against all odds, drifting two thousand miles in a small raft for forty-seven days. His struggle was only beginning: Zamperini was captured by the Japanese and, for more than two years, he courageously endured torture and psychological abuse in a series of prisoner-of-war camps. He returned home to face more dark hours, but in 1949 Zamperini’s life was transformed by a spiritual rebirth that would guide him through the next sixty-five years of his long and happy life. Cowritten with longtime collaborator David Rensin, Louis Zamperini’s *Don’t Give Up, Don’t Give In* is an extraordinary last testament that captures the wisdom of a life lived to the fullest. A son of Italian immigrants, Louis Zamperini (1917–2014) was a U.S. Olympic runner, World War II bombardier, and POW survivor. After the war, he returned to the United States to found the Victory Boys Camp for at-risk youth and became an inspirational speaker. Zamperini’s story was told in his 2003 autobiography *Â Devil at My Heels*, as well as in Laura Hillenbrand’s 2010 biography *Unbroken*. David Rensin worked closely with Louis Zamperini for many years and cowrote *Devil at My Heels*, as well as fifteen other books, including five New York Times bestsellers.

very well-written. They don't make 'em like Louie anymore. A book I will be gifting to both of my sons when they reach adolescence. Wise words in an easy to read format. Thanks Mr. Rensin for this, Louie's parting gift. Regrettably, God didn't allow him to stay much of a moment longer after this was complete...

I would recommend this book to anyone. Written by 1936 Olympic champion, his is a timeless story with a message for all. Be prepared, anticipate, and research- stay positive, and remember that God will bring good from any circumstance for those trusting in Him. Truly one of the best books I've read in a while.

Great book. Louie faced many obstacles in his long life and this book reminds the reader that it's how we face these challenges that make us who we are. This book is both inspiring and reassuring that "if you can take it, you can make it." "Without dark clouds, there could be no silver linings." Louie embraced life . . . all of it. And what a life he had because he accepted his circumstances, good and bad, and grew from them throughout his 97 years--always learning, always experiencing and never holding back. Perhaps the best part of the book is about the importance of forgiveness; how forgiveness liberates the person harmed. I highly recommend this book, especially on the eve of a new year; the chance for new beginnings.

What a brave, smart, and good man. Surviving the torture in the Japanese prison camp took all the willpower at his command. I saw him on 60 minutes once. After his appearance they had his torturer Watanabe. They asked him if he felt any regrets over his treatment of prisoners. His reply made me so angry I wanted to throw something at my Tv. He said, no, he had no regrets, they were enemies and that was how enemies were treated. To go on with his life and do so much good is amazing. somewhere along the way he found God.

I've read unbroken four times, sometimes even fall asleep listening to it. I've seen the movie twice. Louis was a great man. I've been raised in the Church of Christ my whole life, was baptized at 11. This book is so inspiring, especially as a Christian. Once you're saved it's not all sunshine at all. You have to work on it. I made more mistakes after I became a Christian. I even went to prison for a year over being young and dumb. But before I went there I prayed probably the most sincere prayer of my life, that basically I needed help, was stuck in a loop and did not know how to get out. The

next week I was in prison. Blessing in discise, I read my bible more than ever b4 and learned so much I came out a better person. This book is inspiring as well, makes you think about your failure life, forgiveness, Love, redemption. If I die today maybe my mansion in Heaven will be across the street of gold from Louis'.

Louis Zamperini is an American icon. From Olympic athlete to prisoner of war to born-again Christian, Louis has inspired people with his straight-forward attitude towards life and others. Louis was a self-proclaimed rebel as a child. He would steal and otherwise cause problems wherever he went. But thanks to the encouragement of his older brother, Louis fell in love with running and soon became a world-class athlete. He went on to compete in the 1936 Olympics. When World War II broke out, Louis became a crew member on a B-24 bomber in the Pacific theater. His plane was shot down by the Japanese, and Louis survived over forty days adrift in a raft. Picked up by the Japanese, Louis was interred for two-and-a-half years in a Japanese POW camp, enduring physical beatings from the guards. After surviving his time as a POW, Louis returned to the U.S. and got married. Shortly thereafter, while attending a Billy Graham sermon, Louis gave his life to Jesus. For the rest of his life, Louis lived his life for Jesus. He also carried the Olympic torch on five separate occasions. But perhaps the most remarkable of all: he forgave all of the guards who mistreated him. "Don't Give Up, Don't Give In" is not just a biography. Rather, it is a blueprint for living a productive, happy life. Louis is remembered as a happy, resilient person. Much of his successful living can be attributed to his salvation, but he also lived life with a purpose; to help others and glorify God in everything he did. He succeeded. I highly recommend this fine book. Louis Zamperini is a shining example of what God can do in a person's life, and Louis' love and zeal made a large impression on others, too.

Wow! What an inspirational book! Louis Zamperini, what a man! His character, his faith, his love and his humility. Tell the right story at the right time can transform someone for the better. I believe Louis's story and lessons from life can do that for you. All things work together for good. Keep a positive attitude no matter what. Humility before honour. The power of forgiveness, love and service. You will be glad, you invested and read this book. The book you don't read, won't help. Thanks, Louis for sharing your story and your lessons on life. The world is better place because you were here. Don't give up, don't give in!

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