

5424a Attached by a Gate?

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If language is ever going to work for us
in any Theological way.

Some metaphor come alive Do its own work.

Language - anything to do with God -

Come alive -
OVERWHELMED -

Bible - Metaphor - tamed
liberates - comes alive ^{original} conventional meaning -

Gates of Hell = Powers of Death :-



struggling church
→ lost out.

powers of Death + Hell } will not finally extinguish
this brave band.

Let original metaphor have its own life again :-

Gates of Hell won't be able to prevail against
the Church.

whole premise gets a change of direction.

Use an English sentence -

a gate prevailed against someone.

Student Field in Alberta -

Borrowed car - Emergency break - none -

Starter wouldn't work -

Bottom of a Hill - Gaps →

stuck car in place →

no emergency
couldn't shut off motor
without gas ran down
Hill - unable to
start it.

Gate had me beat:

just about -

Had that gate prevailed against me

Id still be there
Id have been unable to get through.

(3424b) IF a gate prevails against you -
- some way or other - it has not let you
Though.
Kept you out.
Army - attacking a walled city -
Gate prevails -
resisted your trying to break
it down -

Gates of Hell can't prevail against the church.
clear picture is :-
No way Hell
powers of death -
prevent the church from storming its
innermost defences,
Powers of death
can't defend themselves from the church for ever.
Church can empty hell.

Incredible promise :- $\rightarrow$ Turn around -
from what ~~is~~ find is generally hard
Doesn't make it any easier to believe
But it makes it something very different.
There is no way that hell can finally resist the church

Suggests :-
when we get to feeling - little-shrinking -
ineffectual church - done for
not cheered by promise
- cheer up - no way you can
be wiped out by evil in the end
What if that's not the promise
- not cheered up by it.
Frightful promise :- No way evil can withstand you in the end

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People you care about.

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Personal hell →

Community sins →

injustices - seem to be getting worse
no where to take hold.

Faults - wared structures.

{ middle east.

{ Chile.

{ South East Asia.

No way they can stand up to Christ Church.

What if ~~we~~ believed it?

Another Metaphor

Faith mustard seed

Small that small ~~seed~~ is a big-thing to be.
