

# OVERCOME TRIBULATIONS

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Dear Partner,

As Christians, we've all been targeted for spiritual attacks by the enemy. By now, we're well-acquainted with trouble and adversity; it's what the believer can expect. One of the devil's main objectives is to make us suffer, but there's nothing he can throw to defeat us because we're stronger than him. The Bible says that greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4), yet Satan continues to stalk us.

Despite his efforts, we don't have to be afraid because he's a defeated foe. All we need to do is persist in the fight and maintain our stance in God's victory. Being equipped with God's Word keeps us strong in the Lord because in it are His promises of protection. Faith in His promises beats the devil every time. Sometimes we ask God *why* we go through tests and trials. The natural tendency is to shrink back and run from suffering, but God uses it to strengthen us and purify our faith in Him. We see this with Paul, who endured intense suffering but never wavered. Understanding the purpose of suffering helps us make sense of it all when our faith is put on trial.

We may need to go through something in order to prepare us for certain things to happen in our lives. God may be equipping us for an assignment. Enduring and withstanding what has to come first makes us stronger. *"So be truly*

*glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honour on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world"* (1 Peter 1:6, 7, NLT). Suffering reminds us that we need to depend on God, not on ourselves, to get us through it.

"Suffering" is a bad word to most Christians, but we need to welcome it. Jesus went through plenty of it; therefore, we know we're on the right track when trouble comes to us. Paul had to encourage Timothy in this area.

*"You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times...But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it. Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution"* (2 Timothy 3:1, 10-12, NLT).

# DEPEND ON JESUS' DELIVERANCE

We need to hang on to this Word when religion challenges us; just because we're Christians doesn't mean we'll have an easy, painless life.

Our approach to suffering is critical. Instead of trying to figure out a way to avoid a tough time, we must learn to have complete dependence on Jesus to deliver us. After going through situation after situation, eventually we'll build a flashback bank of testimonies of all the times He showed up and walked us through it. The end result is that we come out of the fire stronger, wiser, and more mature than before.

We've got to get away from the mindset that says we're not powerful Christians if we depend on God. Suffering burns away any tendencies to be arrogant and to have more confidence in ourselves than in Him. We'll never know more than God; realizing this is a sign of spiritual maturity. Even *Jesus* admitted that He couldn't do anything apart from the Father.

Trouble isn't God's will for us, but He uses it to change and rearrange us and pull good things

out of us that we didn't even know we had. He'll never allow us to be tested beyond our ability to overcome it. Going to God—first, not last—when we hit a brick wall demonstrates our trust in Him. This allows Him to bring us to a new level we could never achieve on our own.

Taffi and I love you and pray for you every day. May the blessing of God be on you and your family. Remember, Jesus is Lord, and "*...in all of your getting, get understanding.*"

In Expectation,



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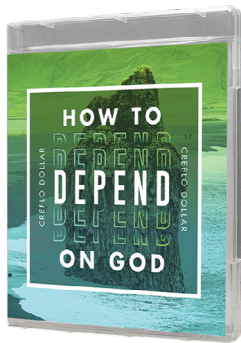
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I am not afraid of the devil because he is a defeated foe! (Luke 10:19)

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