

LIVING LIFE WITH TRIALS

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But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. (2 Cor. 4:7-9, NIV)

What Are Trials?

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Why Does God Allow Trials?

1. God is _____.
2. God allows _____.
3. Suffering serves purposes for our _____.
4. God ultimately promises _____ and the end of all suffering through the cross.

Paul's Sufferings

Walking the Road Jesus Walked

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How Should We Respond to Life's Trials?

1. Find _____ in _____.

Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Cor. 12:9-10, CSB)

2. Avoid _____ conclusions about suffering.
3. Be _____ without surrendering hope.
4. Avoid _____.
5. _____ the victories.
6. Believers have an eternal _____.

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