



Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.  
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## HOW TO STAND IN THE MIDST OF T-R-I-A-L-S

What are trials? Trials are circumstances even hardships that God allows to condition our hearts for holiness and to increase our spiritual maturity.

### THE FACTS ABOUT TRIALS

Trials are part of God's work in the believer's life. Romans 8:28; Psalm 46:10

- Most of the people we remember from biblical days and even in this present time faced great trials. In fact, we remember them because of how they faced their trials and how they endured. Had they never faced a major trial, we probably wouldn't know their names.- God still uses trials in our lives to bring us closer to Him.
- Trials are not without purpose.

Trials put God's power on display. Judges 7:2

- God allows trials to work for His glory.
- God uses trials to prove that He alone has all power to do whatever He wants to do.
- Trials makes it clear to others that we are not in control of ourselves.
- Trials helps us to understand that our powers are limited, but God's power is unlimited.

Trials prepare us for service in God's kingdom. Romans 5:3-5

- Every trial God sends, even our daily frustrations are meant to test us and grow us up stronger in our Christian faith.
- If I want God to prepare me for large duties in His kingdom, I must operate in what God speaks to me about doing in His kingdom.
- If I am not faithful in the least of what God wants me to do than how can I be faithful in much.

Trials sanctify us to be used by God. James 1:2-4

- Trials reveals what is inside of us.
- Trials reveals our weaknesses.
- Trials reveals our inner sins.
- The greatest battle is the one that is inside of us.

Trials make us depend on God. I Corinthians 1:28-29, 31

- God uses trials to turn our dependence fully on Him.
- The greatest battle we face each day for the glory of God is not the one around us but the one in us.
- Trials are God's tools to break dependence upon one's self so that one can trust God alone.
- Trials make it clear that God alone deserves the recognition and honor alone.



Trials shows us and others that God is infinitely valuable. Job 1:21; Psalm 73:25-26; Habakkuk 3:17-19

- As we go through trials and/or losses with peace and joy, others are watching to see how we respond.
- The hurt and the loss may be still affecting us negatively, but the joy of the Lord is still our strength.

#### Conclusion

When God uses us to go through trials, He begins to show off His power in us. One of God's most useful tools to grow us up in Him are TRIALS.

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