

## Helpful Thoughts on Trials and Afflictions

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- 1) A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor can a Christian be perfected without adversity (*James 1:2*).
- 2) I do not pray for a lighter load, but for a stronger back.
- 3) Prosperity begets friends; adversity reveals them.
- 4) Sometimes the Lord calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.
- 5) Leave tomorrow's troubles to tomorrow's strength, tomorrow's work to tomorrow's time, tomorrow's trial to tomorrow's grace, and all of it to tomorrow's God (*Matt. 6:34*).
- 6) "In one thousand trials it is not five hundred of them that work for the believer's good, but nine hundred ninety-nine of them, and one besides" (George Muller).
- 7) Patience is the ability to let your light shine after your fuse is blown.
- 8) The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you (*2 Cor. 12:9*).
- 9) God does not comfort us to make us **comfortable** but to make us **comforters** (*2 Cor. 1:3-4*).
- 10) A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor.
- 11) Obstacles are those frightening things you see when you take your eyes off the goal (*Phil. 3:14; Heb. 12:1-2*).
- 12) Trials should make us better, not bitter.
- 13) God promised a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- 14) When life knocks you to your knees, you are then in the best position to pray.
- 15) It is better to suffer for the cause of Christ than for the cause of Christ to suffer.
- 16) Those who see God's hands in everything can best leave everything in God's hands.
- 17) God tells us to burden Him with what burdens us (*1 Pet. 5:7*).
- 18) Look around and be distressed. Look inside and be depressed. Look at Jesus and be at rest.
- 19) It's good to know that, when we think we are at the end of our rope, God is at the other end.
- 20) Use your trial as a stepping stone, not as a stumbling block.

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