

## **Life Can Be Hard** **2Corinthians 1:8-11**

Life Is Hard - Money, health, family, friends, society  
Sometimes seems we cannot bear the load, Remember these things

### **Hold the Course**

Troubles can make us turn aside, but we need to hold steady  
We must persevere through tribulations as they will help us grow

Focus on goal and continue forward

*Romans 5:3-5; Hebrews 12:1-2; Hebrews 10:32-39*

### **Troubles Are Temporary**

Temporary nature of world means they will not last

Difficulties come from world, not God and they will pass

*2Corinthians 4:16-18; 2Peter 3:11-13; James 4:14-15*

### **Focus On The Permanent**

God, Christ & The Kingdom are eternal

The temporary cannot compare to the eternal

*Matthew 6:33; Philippians 3:7-11; Romans 8:18; Matthew 16:26*

### **Seek Encouragement**

Those who seek after God can help one another.

Receiving & giving encouragement we better deal with our difficulties

*Hebrews 3:12-13; 2Corinthians 1:3-4; Hebrews 10:23-25*

### **Prayer**

We need God's peace to help us overcome

Christ is sympathetic to our needs and struggles

*Philippians 4:6-7; 1Peter 5:6-7; Hebrews 4:14-16*

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These attitudes and desires can help us navigate life's difficulties

With them any other help you might need will be even more effective

Focus on God and His help to overcome

That's the main message of Revelation

Lanny Smith