

Staying Strong During Life's Most Difficult Challenges

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What does it mean to be strong in the Lord? It means to completely rely on and trust God, to oversee or get us through life's crisis, or whatever situation we are faced with, no matter the difficulty or severity of our circumstances.

- **Ephesians 6:10**

On a day-to-day basis most Christians have no problem staying strong in the Lord when there are no major problems or crises in the life. It is during our seasons of adversity that we fell to realize that both the good days and bad days are the work of God's sovereign plan. Our good days and our bad days can not determine the future plan of God.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:13-14**

In our life's journey we do not have the mental capacity to understand God's ways, for sometimes God allows us to go through tribulations, so that we can be a useable vessel, for Him to administer comfort, and care to another one of His children. It is God that comfort us during our time of crises, so that we will be strong enough to comfort others who are going through their own life challenges. As Christians, we strive to be more and more like Christ, so as Christ suffered on the cross for the sins of the world, we must expect some affliction as we seek greater communion with Him.

- **2Corinthians 1:3-7**

- **Romans 15:1-3**

The apostle Paul in his writings to young Timothy, whom he left in charge of the church at Ephesus, encouraged him to rely on the knowledge of the doctrine of Jesus Christ that he had learned, to sustain, and keep him during time of persecution and affliction so he would be able to endure and be delivered.

- **2Timothy 3:10-13**

Most Christians who study the Word of God, have come to realize, and accept that we are living in the last days. This means that Christ could come at any time. As such, the word of God tells believers that during this period believers of Jesus Christ will have some challenging times.

- **2Timothy 3:1**

As we approach the coming of the Lord, even though based on the Word of God that He will not return during our lifetime, we must still remain committed and stand strong in our service, and our obedience to His commandments, for we know that it will produce spiritual blessings and rewards.

- **1Corinthians 15:58**