

## **THREE HELPS FOR HANDLING TRIALS**

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Paul suffered. You name it, he endured it (2 Corinthians 11:23-29). But he handled it all with the same inspired prescription that he shared with others. Three active ingredients are found in 1 Thessalonians 3.

**One, face the facts.** Satan aimed to be a hindrance to Paul and to the young Christians in Thessalonica whom he loved dearly (1 Thessalonians 2:18, 3:5). Anxiety for this newborn church gripped him. Would trials spell the end of their fledgling faith? They need not. He sent Timothy to establish and exhort them in their faith, “that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know” (1 Thessalonians 3:3-4).

Everyone suffers. Christians are not exempt. “In the world you will have tribulation,” said Jesus (John 16:33). In fact, everyone who lives a godly life in Christ Jesus gets an extra share (2 Timothy 3:12). Don’t think it unusual or unwarranted when you face trial. We suffer. Face the facts.

**Two, invest in others.** Self-pity loosens when friends, family and others form our focus. Paul had encountered one discouraging situation after another since leaving Thessalonica (cf. Acts 17 and 18). But his personal problems took a back seat to his concern for the Thessalonians. When Timothy brought good news of their faith and love, Paul exclaimed, “for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we been comforted about you through your faith. For now we really live, if you are standing fast in the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 3:7-8). Their progress made him abundantly thankful and

joyful—all in the midst of his own personal trial (1 Thessalonians 3:9).

If the world revolves around you, sooner or later you can expect it to come crashing down on you. Five times in the Gospels, Jesus bids us lose our lives in discipleship to Him (Matthew 10:39, 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24, 17:33). In service to Him and investment in others, out of every trial we’ll find the very best in life.

**Three, persevere in prayer.** Paul prayed earnestly night and day (1 Thessalonians 3:10). He entreated: “Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints” (1 Thessalonians 3:11-13). Satan had set up road blocks, but God could clear the way. The need was abounding love. The need was holiness. Paul knew that God would work all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

In trial pray, like Paul, that your love will grow—for others who are loving you through it, for others who face the same hardships, for all. Pray that the result will be holiness, with confidence that through the trial God can make you exactly what He wants you to be and what you need to be (cf. 1 Peter 1:6-7). Pray expectantly, looking forward to glorious deliverance at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Don’t give up! Persevere in prayer.

*Danny Boggs*



Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, and Neosho Christian School.

Hillcrest family, Thanks for all the cards, visits, calls, hugs, and especially the prayers during Jerry's illness and passing. Thanks to Danny, Don and the singers, the food and the ladies who prepared and served at the funeral. It's great to be a member of a caring and loving church family.

*Louise Faules,  
Mark and Glenda Justice  
and family*

Me and my family would like to thank the church and its members for their kindness, love, and support. No American word can express how thankful we are, only God knows and understands. May the good Lord continue to bless each of you. His kindness shines upon His church.

Thanks and Love you "ALL"  
*Lynna and kids*

To my church family, I want to thank all of you for everything you have done. All the man power, the cleaners, and all the food and prayers. I am not sure I could have handled it all without all of you.

Love,  
*Debi Wince*

Thank you for thinking of me on my birthday.

From,  
JIMMIE SMITH A.



### This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. Luis David Argenal

P.M. *What is Lacking in Christ's Afflictions*  
(Colossians 2:24, Danny Boggs)



**Luis David, Denia, and Josue David will be with us from Honduras this Sunday!** Luis David will preach during our morning worship assembly.

**Our graduates will be honored** after services this Sunday morning, May with a presentation and potluck lunch. Whitney Freund is graduating from Neosho High School, Austin Fehring from MSU, Alec Fehring from Crowder, Jaime Leonard from Freed-Hardeman University, Madison McDonnell from MSSU, Whitney Thomlinson from University of Missouri, and Anna Wald from Northwest Arkansas Community College. Please stop by the welcome desk and sign the books they will receive.

Bring something good to share for **lunch this Sunday** as we honor our graduates and the Argenal family. Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish. Royal Blue Hostess group is in charge of set up/clean up.



**every ONE counts!**

**Remember to give an extra dollar** every Sunday to help someone in need. The money given this week and next is going to a family in town who is having to make many trips to KU Medical Center for health issues. Thank you to all the givers!



**Watch!**

**Our week at Green Valley Bible Camp is only 26 days away—June 11-17!** Registration will end at 2 p.m. June 4. Register at [greenvalleybiblecamp.com](http://greenvalleybiblecamp.com). Whoever gets the most friends to come to camp with them will get a cash award of \$123.03! If you need help with the registration fee, please see Danny.

**GVBC Work Day:** Landon is organizing a day to get camp cleaned up and ready for the season, Saturday, March 27. Meet at the Hillcrest building at 7:00 if you'd like to share a ride.



**Would you like to help with the upkeep of our church library?** Please see Teresa Hanger soon.



### ASSIGNMENTS

#### Prayers Sunday, May 21

- AM Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- AM Closing: Todd Murray
- PM Opening: Charles Phillips
- PM Closing: Jonathan Keith

#### Scripture Reading Sunday, May 21

- Psalm 40:1-5, Nate Van Dorn
- Prayers Wednesday, May 24**
- Opening: Karson Thomas
- Closing: Josh King

### RECORDS

	05-14-17	05-15-16
Bible Study	129	137
AM Worship	181	204
PM Worship	118	117
Wednesday	131	124
Contribution	\$7,154.23	\$7,528.91
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67