

# Standing on the Promises: God loves you...No matter what!

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## 1. YOU WON'T GET OUT OF THIS LIFE WITHOUT EXPERIENCING TRIALS

### 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

23 ... I have ... been in prison ... , been flogged ... and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

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## 2. TRIAL OR NO TRIAL; GOD LOVES YOU

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33 "... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

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### Psalms 103:12

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has [the Lord] removed our transgressions from us.

## 3. THE CROSS PROVES IT

### Hebrews 12:2

2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### James 1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

### John 3:16-17

[Jesus said] 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

### 1 Chronicles 16:34

34 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.