

## Overcoming Unexpected Problems

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In the Christian life we go through various trials and unexpected difficulties, problems and trials.

We might say to ourselves, “This is not what I expected in the Christian life, what has happened?”  
We might be tempted to think we have gone astray from following our Lord Jesus Christ.  
There may be discouragement, fear, worry and anxiety. We might feel like giving up.

I remember a time like this in my own life, and very unexpectedly, a Christian brother in a far off town, wrote to me and said in his letter, over and over, “don’t give up, don’t give up, don’t give up!”

Another brother I was fellowshiping with, said the same about a situation he was going through.  
He was saying to himself, “I will not give up”, and he told me how he pushed through and made good progress.

I heard a man say, “If troubles, trials, difficulties and problems mean that we are out of God’s will, then Jesus lived most of His life out the will of God.” (But we know that Jesus lived His life perfectly in the will of God, despite all the difficulties He went through.)

Live in the Word of God, and make sure that the Word is what defines your life, not the trials you are going through. Let the Word of God control what you think and do, not the trials that come along.

Jesus said that when we hear the Word of God, sown into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, trials arise because of the Word God has spoken to us. Matthew 13:21.

Jesus put it this way, “When tribulation or persecution arise because of the Word...”

Satan will oppose the fulfilment of the Word in our lives. He will try and cause problems, difficulties, persecution and upset, to turn us away from following the Word God has given to us.

This is not some strange thing that happens. We do have an enemy who will try and oppose us walking in the way the Lord has set before us.

Jesus said, “In Me you will have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33.

Peter said, “Do not think it strange, the fiery trial you go through, as though some strange thing has happened, but rejoice that you are able to partake of His, that is Jesus’s sufferings. 1Peter 4:12. (Put in my own words)

I suggest that you keep a significant time of prayer each day, for self, family, for the ministry, for the Church, for the Government and other priorities.

Set aside time in the Word of God each day and listen to what God is saying to you. Keep a note book of what the Lord says to you.

Keep muttering and believing the Word of God which He has spoken to you, as it says in Psalm 1:1-3.

In the words of Jesus, spoken to the Seven Churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, the promises of God are made to the overcomers. “To him that overcomes I will give to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” Revelation 2:7. (In each of the letters there is a promise to the overcomer.)

By faith in God and His Word of life, and in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, be an overcomer.

He will make a way for you through the test the trial and difficulty.

His grace is sufficient for us. His strength is made perfect in our weakness. 2Corinthians 12:9.