

A Hell Called, “I Didn’t Sign Up For This”

(How to live above the circumstances)

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“These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though **refined** by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (1 Pet 1:6-8)

3 Ways to Live Disappointed

Cultivate **worry**.

“Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.” (PSA 37 NIV)

Jump to **conclusions**.

Engage in **comparisons**.

“When Peter saw him, he asked, ‘Lord, what about him?’ Jesus answered, ‘If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.’ Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, ‘If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?’” (Joh 21:21-23 NIV)

God never said . . .

you’d never feel **lonely**, just that you’d never **be alone**.

“No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Joshua 1:5 NIV)

you’d have all you **ever wanted**, just all you’d ever **need**.

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Phi 4:19 NIV)

you wouldn’t get **hurt**, just that He’d **get you home safely**.

“After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?’ Jesus replied, ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me.” (Mat 11:1-6, NIV)

you wouldn’t **lose**, just that nothing of **significance would be lost**.

“That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.” (2 Tim 1:12 NIV)

your life would be **easy**, just that the **struggle would be worth it**.

“In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. Don’t be conceited, sure of your own wisdom. Instead, trust and reverence the Lord, and turn your back on evil; when you do that, then you will be given renewed health and vitality.” (Prov 3:6-7)