

Understanding the Six Phases of Faith

With God all things are
possible



Phase I: God's Dream for your life.

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of Faith**

**The Greater the
Dream, the Greater
the Difficulty!**

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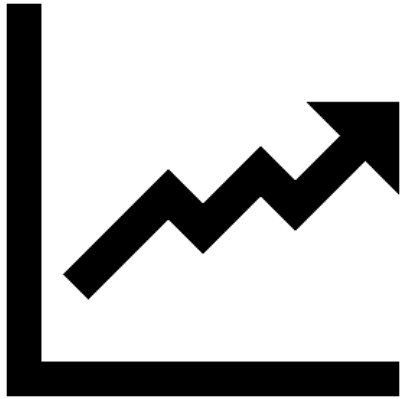
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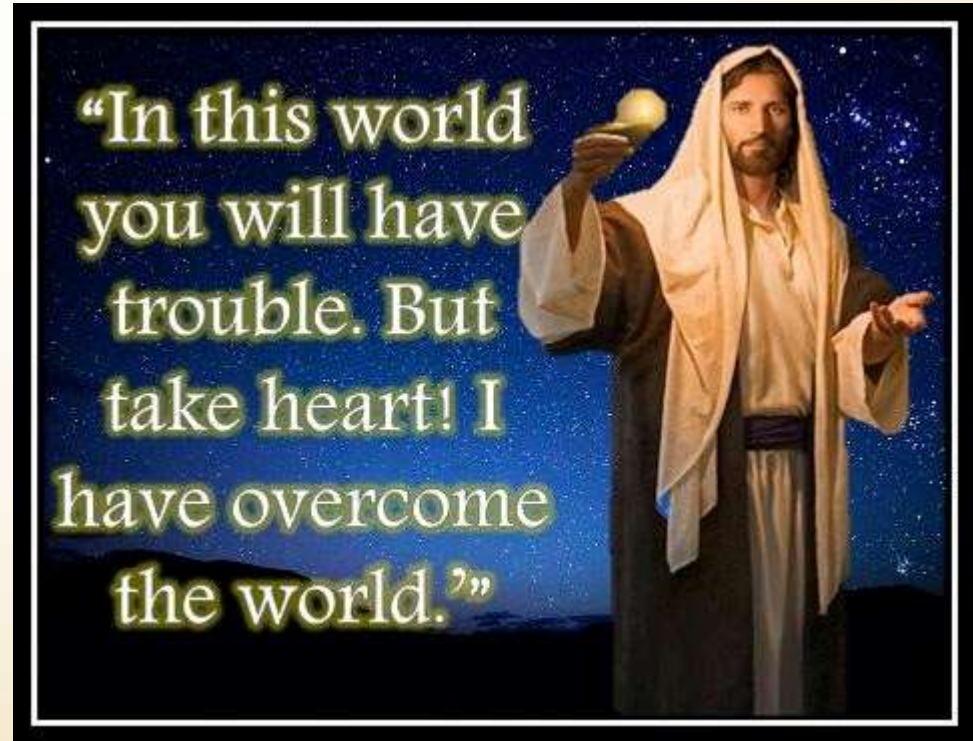
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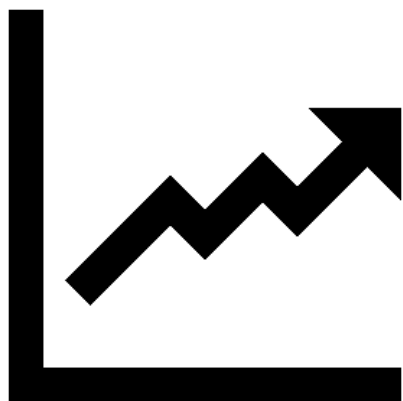
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Difficulties Will Come!



John 16:33

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Paul had great difficulty!

“In everything we do, we show that we are God’s servants, by enduring troubles, hardships and difficulties with great patience” (2 Cor 6:4).

I Peter 2:20



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THESIS:

***THREE KEYS TO REMEMBER WHEN
DEALING WITH DIFFICULTIES:***

Determine the...

- 1. REASON**
- 2. RESULT**
- 3. RESPONSE**

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Key #1: Determine the Reason.

What *Caused* This?

Four Sources:

1. *Myself*
2. *Others*
3. *Satan*
4. *God*

How do I know?

-- Pray (Jas 1)

-- Worship (Ps
73:16)

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Key #1: Determine the Reason.

Three Common Mistakes:

1. *We Listen to bad advice (Acts 27:11).*
2. *We Follow the crowd (Acts 27:12, Ex 23:2).*
3. *We Rely on circumstances (Acts 27:13).*

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Key #2: Determine the Result

What can I learn from this?

“These troubles which are temporary are winning for us a permanent and glorious reward all out of proportion to our pain”

2 Corinthians 4:17

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Key #2: Determine the Result.

What can I learn from this?

Regardless of the source,
God has a purpose
for every problem!

Rom 5:3-4

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Key #3: Determine my Response

How should I *react*?

Life is 10% what you make
it and 90% how you take it.

It is *your* choice!

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Key #3: Determine my Response

Three Wrong Responses:
Difficulties can cause us to:

1. DRIFT (Acts 27:15)
2. DISCARD (Acts 27:18)
God says STAY WITH THE SHIP
(vs.31-32)
3. DESPAIR (Acts 27:20)

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"Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor My covenant of peace be removed,"
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.
Isaiah 54:10



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Key #3: Determine my Response

What is the right response?

Difficulties should cause us to:

1. Confess my part (Prov 28:13).
2. Confront the problem (Acts 27: 34-40).

**DON'T FEAR THE STORM-
FACE IT!**

3. Claim a promise (Acts 27:25)

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All 7,000 of them!

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