

**Trusting God When Things Get Tough:
“Emotionally”**

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1. Allow the emotionally tough times to _____ you.

- Trials develop _____.

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (NIV)

- Perseverance produces _____.

- Wisdom _____ and _____ from pain.

Ecclesiastes 7:8 Finishing is better than starting. Patience is better than pride. (NLT)

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.”(NLT)

Ecclesiastes 7:9-10 Control your temper, for anger labels you a fool. Don't long for “the good old days.” This is not wise. (NLT)

2. Look toward the _____, not into the _____.

Ecclesiastes 7:14 Enjoy prosperity while you can but when hard times strike, realize that both come from God. Remember that nothing is certain in this life. (NLT)

God is _____ good.

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Matthew 7:11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.(NLT)

3. Reach for _____ and discover _____ .

- We have _____ in Christ.

Romans 5:1-4 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation." (NLT)

• Hope will not disappoint

Romans 5:5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." (NLT)

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