

Choices
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At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” Simon Peter replied, “**Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.**” – John 6:66-69 (NLT)

“When The Going Gets Tough!”

**Enjoy the blessings,
but prepare for the difficulties!**

“**Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you...**Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.” – 1 Peter 4:12, 5:9 (NLT)

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. **Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.**” – John 16:33 (NLT)

**Recognize discouragement
as the Enemy’s greatest tool!**

“**And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.**”

– Galatians 6:9 (TLB)

**Don’t let your struggles break you,
but do let God use them to strengthen you!**

“**We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us**—they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady.” – Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

When you feel bad about what you’re going through, remember what Jesus went through!

“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. **So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.**”

– Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)