

Things Jesus Never Said



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Part 3: You Won't Have Bad Days

Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble." (John 16:33)

Trouble, trials, and hardships ...

- _____ your faith.

"So, be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine." (1 Peter 1:6-7)

A faith that's tested can be trusted.

"God is good all the time, all the time God is good."

- _____ you for your purpose.

It's not just something happening to you, it's something God is doing in you.

Newsflash: Ease and comfort never made you stronger. Like lifting weights in a gym, resistance makes you stronger.

“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.”
(James 1:2-4)

God's preparation comes packaged as pain.

Could it be that the very thing that you will need to excel in the future, God is preparing in you right now? Tell yourself: It's not pain, it's preparation.

You're not being turned down you're being toughened up.

Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)