



WHAT TO DO WHEN THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE—EXODUS 5 AND 6

1 _____ on the Lord (5:22-23).

We have this treasure from God, but we are like clay jars that hold the treasure. This shows that the great power is from God, not from us. We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. We do not know what to do, but we do not give up the hope of living. We are persecuted, but God does not leave us. We are hurt sometimes, but we are not destroyed...So we do not give up. Our physical body is becoming older and weaker, but our spirit inside us is made new every day. We have small troubles for a while now, but they are helping us gain an eternal glory that is much greater than the troubles. We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9,16-18 (NCV)

2 _____ God's promises (6:6-8).

So no weapon that is used against you will defeat you. You will show that those who speak against you are wrong. These are the good things my servants receive. Their victory comes from me," says the LORD.

Isaiah 54:17 (NCV)

3 _____ **that God's timing is always perfect (6:6-8).**

But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, They run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind.

Isaiah 40:31 (TMSG)

4 _____ **to be willing to die to self.**

Moses died to his self-esteem, to his castle building, to pride in his miracles, to the enthusiasm of his people, to everything a popular leader loves. As he lay on the ground alone before God, wishing himself back in Midian, and thinking himself [very badly treated], he was falling as a kernel of wheat into the ground to die, no longer to die alone, but to bear much fruit.

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I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

John 12:24 (NLT)

The first thing was to settle once and for all the supremacy of Christ in my life, I tell them. I put myself utterly and forever at His disposal, which means turning over all the rights to myself, my body, my image, my notions of how I am to serve my Master...I tell these earnest kids that the will of God is always different from what they expect, always bigger, and ultimately, infinitely more glorious than their wildest imaginings. But, there will be deaths to die.

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