

Journey – Week 1
Don't Stop Believing

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James 1:1-8 (NASB) & Matthew 8:23-27(NIV)

EVERY TRIAL IS An Opportunity to Grow

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

James 1:2-3

FOUR KEYS TO NAVIGATING TOUGH TIMES

1. Stand Firm in My Faith

And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. *James 1:4*

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.

Matthew 8:23-24

2. Ask God for His Perspective

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God... *James 1:5a*

The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" *Matthew 8:25*

3. Believe in the Grace of God

... who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. *James 1:5b-6*

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" *Matthew 8:26a*

4. Surrender My Fears

For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1:7-8

Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Matthew 8:26b-27