

More than I Can Handle God Gives Me 4 Reasons

2 Cor 1:8,9

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Ever Been Here?

You're Not Sure How Much Longer You Can Hang On...

...in the Middle of a Trial

...Desperately Needing Encouragement

Then Someone Makes This Statement...

"You know, God will never give you more than you can handle."

And You Wonder, "What is the Matter with Me Then?"

4 Reasons God DOES...

...Give Us More Than We Can Handle



2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (MSG)

⁸ We don't want you in the dark, friends, about how hard it was when all this came down on us in Asia province. It was so bad we didn't think we were going to make it. ⁹ We felt like we'd been sent to death row, that it was all over for us. As it turned out, it was the best thing that could have happened. Instead of trusting in our own strength or wits to get out of it, we were forced to trust God totally—not a bad idea since he's the God who raises the dead!

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

⁹ And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. NASB

#1- Our Faith Needs to Grow

When We First Met Jesus We Learned Some Basics

- We are Born Sinners –Rom 3:23
- We Cannot Get Into Heaven With Our Sin –Rom 6:23
- Jesus Came and Died For Our Sins (Perfect Sacrifice) –Rom 5:8

God Calls Us to Repent/ Accept Salvation

- Be Born of the Spirit thru Faith
- Mature in Our Faith

One of the Best Ways to Grow Our Faith is Through Trials



#1- Our Faith Needs to Grow



So, the Trials Started Coming...

- **Just Like David Who One Day Fought Goliath**
 - **He Didn't Start With Goliath**
 - **He Fought a Lion and a Bear**

David's Faith Grew Till He Could Stand Before the Giant Philistine

James 1:2-4 (MSG)

² Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.³ You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.⁴ So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

#2- Our Self-Reliance Needs to Die

**We Live In a World Which Encourages Us to Be Our Own Person
When We Fall, We're Told to Pull Ourselves Up By Our Bootstraps.**

- **But This Is Contrary to What We Learn in Scripture.**

Proverbs 3:5-6, ⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;/ lean not unto thine own understanding.* ⁶ *In all thy ways acknowledge him/ he shall direct thy paths.*

- **We Are Encouraged to Lean On God...**

...Not On Our Own Understanding

- **He's the One Who Will Make Our Paths Straight.**
- **We're to Lean On Him, Not On Our Own Abilities.**



#2- Our Self-Reliance Needs to Die

God is Making It Clear That We are Not Self-Sufficient.

- So maybe we need to stop seeing the trials/ adversity in our lives as a burden, as an indication that God doesn't love us.
- Maybe we need to start seeing them as proof that God indeed loves us very much—so much so that He will not *let* us try to rely on our own strength, but continue to show us that we *must* rely on Him to endure suffering and persevere until the end.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me

Philippians 4:13 (MSG)

¹³ Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am

#3- We Need to Learn about God's Character

Trials Teach Us God is Faithful

No Matter Who Loves You, God's His Love is the Greatest

- God has Promised He Will Never Leave You.

Heb 13:5-6 (MSG) ⁵ *Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,"* ⁶ *we can boldly quote, God is there, ready to help; I'm fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?*

- He's in it for the Whole Game
- God is Patient / Long-suffering
- So He Doesn't Care How Long the Trial Is...
...He's Staying



#4- God Will Get the Glory

Whether You're Aware of It or Not, Others Watch You

- If You Claim to be a Christ Follower, They are Watching Closely
- There's Something Different About Those who know God Up Close

When We Go Through the Difficult, God Gives Us Strength to Do It

- People Notice that Difference and It Makes Them Wonder Why
- Sometimes They May Even Ask You Why You Are Different
- And God Gets the Glory



#4- God Will Get the Glory

The Night Before the Cross Jesus Cried Out in the Garden, “*My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death*” (Matt 26:38). Jesus Told His Father, “*This is too much for me!*”

- But it wasn't passed. Jesus Went Through All of It Because of God's Love... And God Received the Glory.
- When You Are With Someone Who Is Struggling - Don't Tell Them God Will Never Give Them More Than They Can Handle
- If It Were True, We Wouldn't Need God At All



#4- God Will Get the Glory

We Need to Remember God Does Not Think Like Us

Isaiah 55:9 (NKJV) *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts"*

Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and **glorify** your Father which is in heaven.*

