# **Dealing With Trials**

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Everyone has problems! No doubt about it, this life is full of trials and temptations of every kind. Many times, in the face of the seemingly overwhelming problems, we simply give up or give in.

How can we deal with these kinds of problems?

As a Christian, we are given many wonderful promises from God about how we can deal with the problems which we will face day by day. Let us see how!

First, God has promised the Christian that He will provide for all of his needs.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Mt. 6:33). Keep in mind that God promised to provide for those things which we need, not for every little thing that we want. Bread is not going to simply fall from heaven to feed the Christian, but it does mean that if we do the best we can, God will make sure that we have the things that are needed to survive.

Second, God has promised that we will be able to make it through our trials:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13). We can take comfort from knowing that others have dealt with the same problems that we have dealt with. Many times, we can be comforted by them; "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

Also, God has promised that, no matter what the problem, He will give us a way of escape. He does not promise that the way will be easy, but it will be there. We must be observant enough to find it and strong enough to use it.

Third, the Christian can find great power in dealing with troubles through prayer.

God desires us to make all of our needs known to him. The Christian is admonished to "pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17). Furthermore, God promises to answer those prayers; "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 Jn. 5:14-15).

We must ask ourselves; "Do I believe in prayer?" When a Christian prays, he must believe that God can and will answer that prayer; "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." (Jam. 1:5-7).

We must realize that God's answer may not be the answer we desire. However, His answer will be what is best for us. We invite you to worship and study with us to learn more about first century Christianity.

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# Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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# We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

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<u>Those that attend</u>: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Brenda Nelson, Diane Mellott, Heather Bennett.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Betty Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Egla Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Cindy, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Lionel & Bonnie Weir, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Mary Lou, Gloria, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Jurek family, Mary - daughter of Don & Virginia Hipwell in Fenwick, ONT., Williams family, Mary, Jean Fitzgerald, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, and John - Maria Swindlehurst's brother in law.

## Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

#### Updates:

**Dennis Reed** had surgery Wednesday to insert a tube to drain fluids from his chest.

Bev McArthur and also Carol Jones, have been under the weather lately. Carol was with us Wed. evening. It was good to see Sharron Gantt and Marvis Garret back with us last Sunday from recent sickness.

Noreen Andrews. She is now at rehab at McAauley Residence. Please see posting on Message Board for details.

Oscar "Red" Crow. Let's keep him and Goldie in our prayers.

**Mary Lou**, Anna Brink's sister in PA, had an MRI recently and she is cancer free. She had the port removed Mar. 15.

A coworker of Rodney Jones recently had a heart attack and is facing surgery soon.

**Debbie**, a friend of Denise Garlitz, had her toes amputated this past week.

#### <u>Also</u>

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.



Please check the "Love One Another" and "Answered Prayers" boards in the back of the auditorium.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

**Sermon Topic Today:** Gossip

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 26:20-23

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

# **Upcoming Events** (Lord willing)

Mar. 18 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Mar. 23 Ladies Devotional 6:30 PM Facilitated by Denise Garlitz

Mar. 25 Congregational Mtg. to elect one trustee from men nominated Mar. 04<sup>th</sup>.

Apr. 01 Easter

Apr. 08 Great Lakes High School Chorus 6 PM Here at LaSalle.



Trays Today

Kris Kinney

Read Me

### Gifts of Love

Last week, nineteen hand crocheted afghans were donated to the Niagara Hospice House. We praise our Father for the LaSalle ladies and their generous donation of time, talent and love for others.

# **Sardinia**

Brother Glen Mueller was here a couple of weeks ago to convey the Sardinia congregation's gratitude for our monetary help in paying off their building mortgage. The congregation has also sent individual thank you notes to the Body here at LaSalle to express their appreciation. The notes are posted on the back board. Please take a moment and read their expressions of gratitude and thanks. Brother Glen also left two photo albums chronicling the history of the Sardinia congregation. They are located on the back Table. (Please do not remove from the church building).

# **Ladies**

The Ladies Bible Class will begin a new series of lessons on Tuesday morning entitled, "The Supper of the Lord." Lesson packets are \$3.00 and can be obtained from Carol Jones. All ladies are encouraged to join us at 10 AM Tuesday for an uplifting time of study and prayer.

#### Card

Please see the card posted on the Message Board from Sharron Gantt.