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#### B. God in the same way deliberately send us into difficult situations.

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1. He saw them struggling from a distance.
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3. He wanted them to develop stick-to-itiveness (perseverance). Would they continue to do what is commanded... what is right, or would they turn around?

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[Background- In the feeding of the five thousand, they should have learned that Jesus was the Bread of Life. Joh 6:35,48.]

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#### 1. Jesus showed them that:

- a. He was Lord of \_\_\_\_\_. (Ac 10:36.)
- b. Lord God \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev 15:3.)

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1. It may send us into a financial storm of financial hardship.
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### IV. What are some things we could do to get through our stormy trials?

#### A. Remember God has your best \_\_\_\_\_. - Romans 8:28

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