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WHAT ARE SOME REASONS WHY THINGS DON'T GO RIGHT? OR
WHY ARE THINGS UNBEARABLE, TOO EXTREME OR INTENSE TO ENDURE?

- you may be out of fellowship with God daily walk
- sin in your life (hidden from others but not God) need for confession and forsaking
- unyieldedness in your heart because of lukewarmness
- not willing to give in to His Lordship in every area, someone/thing replaced Him
- (- what's the latest sin He's convicted you of that you know He want to change?)
- you may be out of His will at the time due to wrong choices or decisions which have gotten you to where you are now, such as places, jobs, authority, where you shouldn't be
- you may be resisting the authority over you (rebellng against parents, teachers, church, boss)
- your conscience may not be cleared toward others, God - bitterness/forgiveness, restitution, reconciliation, holding a grudge, or a reproach
- you may have resisted God's grace
- you may be assuming responsibilities which God never intended you to bear
- a lack of consistant prayer breeds worries, anxieties, tension, stress, over-sensitivity to every little thing - overwhelmed by circumstances, bad attitudes
- you may own things that belong to the devil - books, jewelry, pictures, rock music, games, magazines
- you may not have responded right in the past and God wants to test you now on the same response
- God may be exposing your heart (proving/testing)
- God may be exposing a lack of faith, trust dependence on Him
- God may be exposing wrong underlying attitudes toward Him, self, or others
- God may be exposing misconceptions about Him and His ways in your life
- God may be exposing an area that needs to change
- God may want to develop and mature your character and conform you more into the image of Christ
- God may just want you to be more steadfast or consistant in your Christian witness and example to others
- you just may not be in the word, prayer, fellowship or witnessing enough
- you may just be too introspective and self-centered - not focusing on Him and serving others - get eyes off self - help others - therapy
- what could you be doing for God, that you're not?
- chastening of the Lord
- lack of self discipline, denial, determination
- Satan may be afflicting you
- confidence in material things worldlythings that choke out the Word
- you may be deceived or hard hearted
- you may be focusing on feelings rather than commands of God to live by
- you may be feeling sorry for yourself
- you may be blowing your problems out of proportion
- you may be experiencing a chemical imbalance or physiological defect (organic problem)
- you may be a modern day Job
- your priorities may be out of order (God first; family second; job third)
- it is definitely that you're not following God's way of escape I Cor.10:13