

## Message: Trusting God in the storm -

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1. **LifeGate's goal** - Help nurture Christians into a relationship with the Lord that empowers them... Be Faithful to the Lord, engage in civic and spiritual duties

- Bless other people in the process
- Resist the trends and deceptions of the darkness
- Stand up under pressures and disappointments of Life

2. **Some fundamental truths** we understand in this journey....

- a) **God is your ultimate source of Strength, Wisdom and Support.** 1 Chron. 19: 11-12
- b) **God prides Himself on a track record** of taking care of those who "Lean" into Him Rom. 5:5
- c) **God is allowing all things that take place in our Life to work out for our good.** Rom 8:28
- d) **God won't allow Life's journey to test us and stretch us** more than we can endure. I Cor.10
- e) **God is only going to give out His "SUPPORT/ STRENGTH/ GRACE**  
one day at a time/ season at a time... Matt. 6: 34
- f) **While Satan does everything possible to twist your view of God,**  
He is the Lord who sees your difficulties and understands.(Hagar – Gen. 16:13)Heb. 4:16
- g) **In the end He get's the glory for your journey & dependency** upon Him. He is blessed that you acknowledge Him and Trust Him. 1 Chron. 29: 13- 13

3) **God has written a book about you.** Before you were born- Job Description and work art.  
- It's complicated...but it's another layer of God's amazing knowledge and involvement in our lives. ( Psalm 139: 16- 17, Psalm 40: 1- 2, 2b- 3, 5, 7-8)

4) **Stumbling Blocks that try to take us out:**

- a) **We think we can control everything:** We're in charge It's our life, we can do what we want.... (John 5: 16 – 17, 19- 20)
- b) **Often after a season of favor and blessing,** we can slack off and tend to be less focused
- c) **Personal attacks,** where people are trying to undermine our faith and focus
- d) **Shut down and isolate:** Break off fellowship and connection with the body of Christ.
- e) **Just focus on my problems all day.** I can't possible be of any help to anyone else.

5) **The building Blocks of Faith:**

- a) **Scripture** - reflection on God, His Character and Faithfulness
- b) **Promises** - The enrich our awareness of God's benefit package to all Christians -
- c) **Personal memories/** reflections of God's provision and Grace.
- d) **Listen to the testimonies of Others.** Meant to boost your faith and lean into the Lord
- e) Be alert for the **promptings of the Holy Spirit** to speak into your life and provide Surges of Faith and Encouragement...
- f) **Worship the Lord out of obedience and love,** despite the apparent challenges and struggles facing You!! Hebrews: 13: 5- 6, 15

## 6) Conclusions:

- a) **Walking with the Lord in the ups and downs of Life is a tremendous privilege.** Often the chaos and turmoil overshadow the concept of Life being a privilege.  
**Elenor Issacson** - "No matter how terrible things get in your Life, God is always working behind the scenes."  
Don't give up!" "Spring always comes!" "Stop seeing your dark place as a prison. It's a spiritual sanctuary!"
- b) **You will never become the person God wants you to be** without the testing and challenging assignments He allows into your life.
- c) **We've got to trust in the Lord's all superior knowledge** and strength and remember He's got this!! While simultaneously pressing into His presence and call on our lives.
- d) **Praise and Worship** that happens in the deep testing of Life, falls into a much purer and refined worship. God is blessed by those who praise Him in the Good and Bad times....not just the good!
- e) **People are watching** how you journey through your testings. They want to see if your faith is real.
- f) **As your life story unfolds**, and you speak of the faithfulness of God throughout your journey.... It can become a steppingstone for others in your life to find Faith in Christ as well.

### **Psalm 40: 3- 4a**

Many will see what he has done and be amazed.

They will put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord,  
who have no confidence in the proud

**Finally:** When we face a fresh challenge or testing, we can many times , regret that we aren't as resilient as we thought we should be....

A) God understand the emotional swings

B) The key to all this is to "lean into the Lord" regardless

C) Let close friends know..... Don't go it alone

D) Daily- Bind the Strong man and loosen the purposes of Heaven into your life's situation!!

### **Matt. 16: 19**

<sup>9</sup>And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid<sup>[h]</sup> on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit<sup>[i]</sup> on earth will be permitted in heaven."

# Trusting God in the Storm





# LifeGate's Goals for Believers

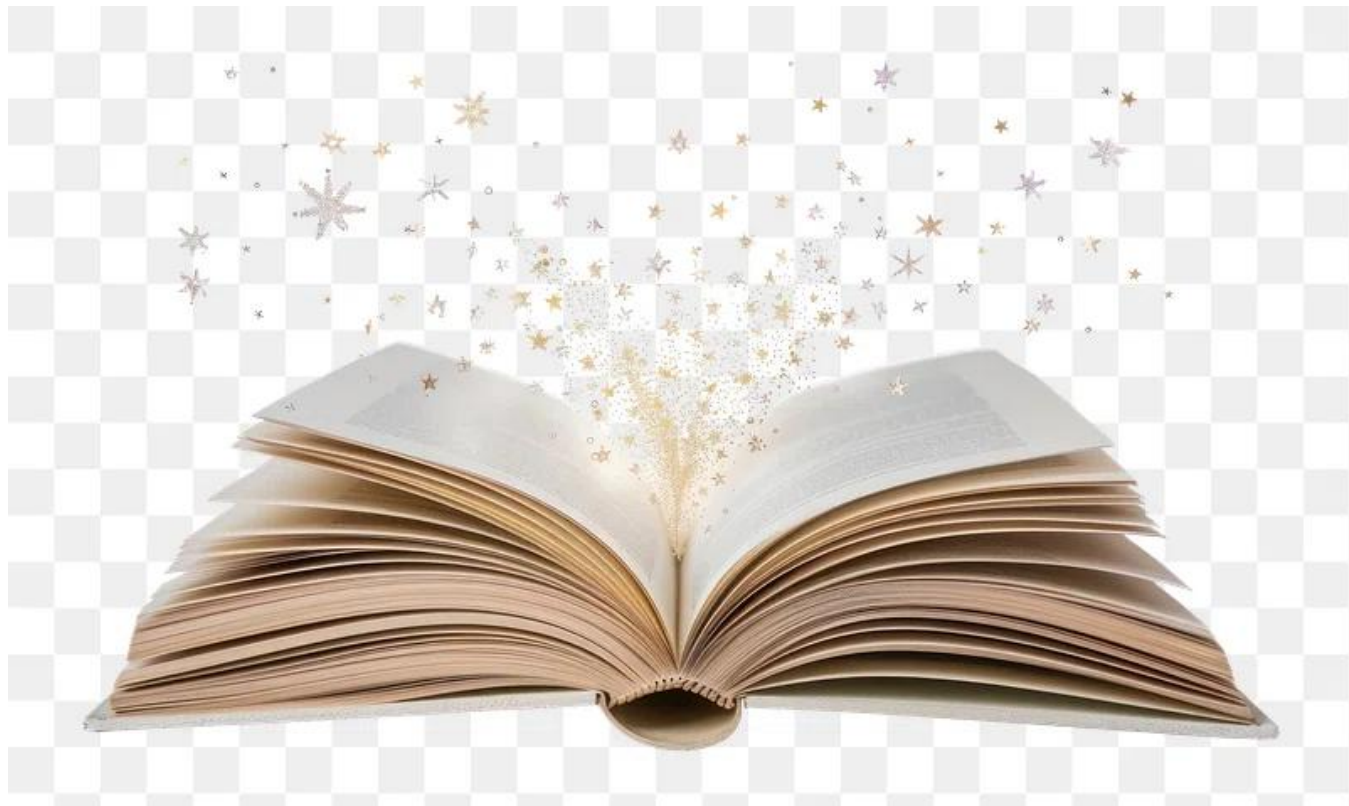


Fundamental truths about our  
Journey with the Lord:



God is Faithful

# God has written a Book about you





Stumbling blocks that can take us out in our faith walk.



Building blocks that can increase  
our faith level.





# Conclusions:

- A) Walking with the Lord in the ups and downs is a privilege
- B) You will never become the person God wants you to be without testings
- C) We've got to trust the Lord's superior knowledge
- D) Praise and Worship from the midst of the storm is very meaningful and pure.
- E) People are watching us....
- E) Your testimony becomes a steppingstone for others to come to faith in Christ.

# Wrapping up

Does God understand when I seem to flounder with the emotional swings of life?

