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Never Give Up

We ARE ALL sailing across The Sea of Life

Some of us are in a great storm but a calm sea NEVER MAKES a SKILLFUL SAILOR

God didn't promise smooth sailing, but He did promise to help us reach the other side.

IN this world, we go through illness, financial struggles, job loss, marital difficulties, unexpected tragedy - Adversity of all kind - Sometimes to the point of losing OUR FAITH

What can we learn from Adversity? What can we do to survive the coming storm when you feel like you are going under. When Fear grabs you by the throat and tries to drown you - - -

These are a normal part of living. It doesn't mean that God doesn't Love you and He WANTS the Best for you ~~many have known~~ ^{rowing} ~~working to~~ ^{the other} side

★ Jesus said in John 16:33

IN This world you will have Trouble. But take heart - I have overcome the world

It's only in the storm that your faith can grow -

2 When you can discover the power of God to deliver you

Let us go to the Bible and learn from some of God's chosen.

Read Bible 2 When we think of suffering we think of Job. But in the end he was able to say in Job 19:25, 26, 27 (Read)

Joseph was sold into bondage and put in prison but in the end was able to save his family and an entire nation

Let's look at an event in David's life when he was distressed

Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6

2 David found his strength in the Lord - And he would write in Psalm 145

Read Psalm - 142

Read The Apostle Paul tells us of
his suffering in 2 Corinthians
11 - 24-33

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Persevere - Never give up
Adversity develops Character
Life is a Battle and one Victory
leads to Another

God sent David a bear to ^{kill} whip
and a lion to ^{kill} whip before he
had a giant to whip ^{kill}

Read

Paul

Paul writes in Phillipians 3:14

★ Forgetting what is behind and
straining toward what is Ahead,
I press on toward the goal to
win the prize for which God
has called me heavenward in
Christ Jesus

When we focus on the threat we
develop FEAR

When we focus on Christ
we develop FAITH

Christ said "I will never leave you
nor forsake you - I will be with
you Always

Whatever your Burden -
Go to Jesus

He is the Rock

He is our Saviour

He is our Shepherd

(He laid down his
life for his sheep)

TRUST HIM

- Ad Lib - Tell about the man in prison
 - you can Look at the sky or the mud
 - Tell about Bob Kirkum

Conclusion

We can either lose our Faith when we suffer or use that Adversity to further God's Kingdom & Increase our faith.

- So Keep Rowing and Look for the other side -
 Keep your eyes on ^{the} prize to win THE Victory