

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“How to Find Help When Calamity Strikes”**

### **“Jesus is Greater” - Pt. 13**

Hebrews 4:16, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 & Selected

*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* Hebrews 4:16

### **What I Must Remember When Tragedy Strikes...**

#### **I. I am not alone!**

*“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:20b

*“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* Hebrews 13:5b

#### **II. My strength will fail!**

See 2 Corinthians 11:22-28

#### **III. Weakness is my ally!**

*“On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.”* 2 Corinthians 12:5

#### **IV. God’s grace is sufficient!**

*“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”* 2 Corinthians 12:9a

## **V. God has a plan!**

*“Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.” 2 Corinthians 12:8*

*“Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content.” 2 Corinthians 12:9b-10a*

## **VI. By His grace, I am going to make it!**

*“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:10*