



When Good Plans Go Bad – 4 What Matters June 27, 2021

I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

When life punches us in the face, our mind can <u>reel</u> and our <u>reasoning</u> can become <u>fuzzy</u>. However, the trial can be our <u>friend</u> and our <u>teacher</u>.

II. KEYS TO SURVIVING THE STORM

- A. Remember what <u>matters</u> and what <u>doesn't</u> matter.
 - 1. Trials <u>burn</u> what <u>doesn't</u> matter.
 - 2. Trials reveal what does matter.

- 3. Trials clarify:
 - a. Some things matter only in the moment.
 - b. Some things matter because they <u>last</u>.
 - c. Some things are <u>valuable</u> in and of <u>themselves</u>.
- B. Allow <u>adversity</u> to be your <u>friend</u>:
 - 1. Adversity makes us stronger.
 - 2. Adversity <u>prepares</u> us for what's ahead.
 - Adversity shows the <u>cracks</u> in our <u>character</u>.
 - 4. Adversity connects us to Christ.