



THINGS JESUS NEVER SAID

THINGS JESUS NEVER SAID, PART 3: EVERYDAY WILL BE A GOOD DAY

Have you ever felt like following Jesus should make life easier—but it hasn't? Maybe you've done everything right, yet things still fall apart: you lose your job, your health fails, a relationship breaks down. It's easy to think, "I tried Jesus, and it didn't work."

The problem isn't that Jesus failed us—it's that we sometimes expect Him to promise things He never did. Jesus never said life would be comfortable. He never promised health, wealth, or hassle-free living. Instead, He told us that in this world we *will* have trouble—but that we can still have peace, because He has overcome the world.

BIG IDEA: A faith that has been tested is a faith that can be trusted.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's something small that can ruin your day—a traffic jam, spilled coffee, bad Wi-Fi?
Why do you think we expect life to go smoothly, even when we know challenges are part of being human?
2. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read John 16:33.*

³³ *"Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy."*
John 16:33 (NIV)

3. Why do you think Jesus warned His disciples about upcoming grief?
4. What does this verse reveal about the *purpose* of pain in the life of a believer?
5. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 Peter 1:6–7 (NLT)*

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.
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6. How can hardship "prove" your faith?
7. Have you ever seen your faith grow stronger because of what you've been through?
8. What are some reasons God might have for not shielding us from all pain and suffering?
9. What are some benefits of a faith that's been tested?
10. What are some ways you can start embracing trials as opportunities to strengthen your faith?
11. How can we help other people find peace in the midst of pain?

MOVING FORWARD

Pain is a promise—but so is God's presence. You may not get the outcome you hoped for, but you can have peace that doesn't make sense. Trials are not proof that God has abandoned you; they are opportunities for Him to strengthen your faith and prepare you for greater purpose. What feels like pain now may one day be revealed as preparation for what's ahead.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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