

## STRENGTHENED BY OPEN DOORS

# PUTTING GOD FIRST DURING PRESSURES OF LIFE

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*I know all the things you do and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. (Revelation 3:8, NLT)*

Putting Him first is recognising His Lordship and reign in our lives when we accepted Him into our hearts. Placing Him as the highest authority and submitting ourselves to His perfect will regardless of whatever storms we might go through in this life.

### What does it look like to put God First?

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously and he will give you everything you need. (Matthew 6:33, NLT)*

Being \_\_\_\_\_ of the word of God and applying it daily in our life.

Knowing that He will never \_\_\_\_\_ anything good from us. He supplies all our needs. (Genesis 4-5, James 1:17)

Having a revelation of His \_\_\_\_\_ in our life. (1 Corinthians 4:5-6)

He is \_\_\_\_\_ to keep his promises. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

### Why Should We Put God First?

1. Shows that we \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Psalm 115:9, Proverbs 16:20)

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ us first. (John 3:16)

3. We \_\_\_\_\_ to Him completely. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

### During the Pressure

*I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. (John 16:33, NLT)*

Our \_\_\_\_\_ grows stronger in Him. (1 Peter 6-7)

It fixes our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 4:17)

It creates \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 5:3 AMPC, Matthew 24:13)

Increases our \_\_\_\_\_ on God. (1 Peter 5:6-7)

## In Conclusion

These pressures we face in this life won't last forever and there will be times of refreshment poured over your life and strengthening.

*For His anger is but for a moment, His favour is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. (Psalms 30:5, NKJV)*

*But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. (1 Peter 5:10 NKJV)*

A gap for people to write down their own thoughts and notes.