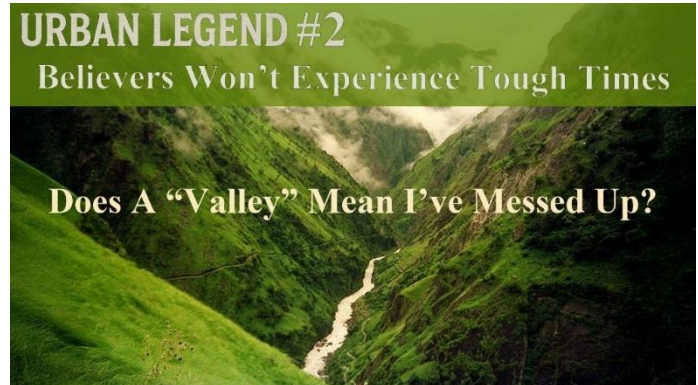




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## URBAN LEGEND # 2

### “Believers Won’t Experience Tough Times”

Psalm 8:1/Romans 8:28/James 1:2-5

#### THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK THE LORD DURING YOUR TOUGH TIMES:

##### I. WHY IS THIS HAPPENING LORD?

Exodus 14:1-31/1 Peter 4:19/2 Samuel 11;1-12:15/ Judges 1:19/James 1:5

a. God is allowing it for some reason.

Exodus 14/1 Peter 4:19

b. You blew it (sinned)

##### II. HOW SHOULD I RESPOND, LORD?

A. Beware: The ENEMY will always offer you a shortcut

Matthew 4:1-11

B. If you messed-up – ACCEPT the consequences.

2 Samuel 11-12/2 Samuel 12:13-24/Hebrews 12:5-12

C. If it’s a God-given valley, hang in there. Don’t run from God.

1 Peter 4:19/1 Corinthians 10:13

D. No matter WHICH -- the way OUT always includes:

1. Doing the RIGHT thing  
Judges 10:6-7
2. Telling the TRUTH  
Matthew 5:37/Psalm 15:1-2/James 1:5
3. Keeping your PROMISES  
Psalm 15:3-4
4. Showing CONCERN for others.  
Philippians 2:3-8
5. Take care of God's reputation

**III. LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO LEARN?**

James 1:2-5/1 Peter 5:6-10/Isaiah 41:10/Psalm 46:1/Joshua 1:9