

God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle



Well, Not Exactly 6

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No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

—1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

1. God will allow things you CAN'T handle.

Paul:

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

—2 Corinthians 12:8 (ESV)

A. We can't FIX everything.

Joseph: Genesis chapters 37-50

B. We can't PREVENT everything.

2. God will not give you more than He can handle.

Paul:

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

—2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (ESV)

Joseph:

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people[a] should be kept alive, as they are today.

—Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

A. God is able to do far more than you think.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us

—Ephesians 3:20 (ESV)

B. Nothing is too hard for God.

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?”

—Jeremiah 32:27 (ESV)

3. God allows more than we can handle to teach us to rely on Him.

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers,[a] of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

—2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (ESV)

“You may never know that Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you have.”

— Corrie Ten Boom

When life brings you more than you can handle:

Admit Your Need to God

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of

*God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,
—1 Peter 5:6 (ESV)*

Cry Out to God

*When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and
delivers them out of all their troubles.
—Psalm 34:17 (ESV)*

Fill Your Mind with the Word of God

*My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according
to your word!
—Psalm 119:28 (ESV)*

Surround Yourself with the People of God

*not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see
the Day drawing near.
—Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)*