

CURVE AHEAD: Facing the Curves of Life

Road Signs...For Life – Part 3

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"Sometimes something useless happens on earth. Bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to bad people." Ecclesiastes 8:14 (NCV)

"I think you ought to know...about the trouble we went through...We were crushed and completely overwhelmed, and we thought we would never live through it." II Corinthians 1:8 (NLT)

1. ANTICIPATE _____

"...In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33(NIV)

"...[God] your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 (NIV)

2. REMIND _____

"God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid even if the earth shakes, or the mountains fall into the sea." Psalm 46:1,2 (NCV)

"In my distress, I said, 'God cannot see me!' But you heard my prayer when I cried out to you for help." Psalm 31:22 (NCV)

3. EXPECT _____

"When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul."
Psalm 94:18,19 (NIV)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Jesus – "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

4. REFUSE _____

"[Some people] have no happiness at all, they live and die with bitter hearts."
Job 21:25 (GN)

"Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you,...it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives." Hebrews 12:15b (LB)

5. REDIRECT _____

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 2:4,5 (NIV)

Acts 20:35

"Praise be to the...God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." II Corinthians 1:3,4 (NIV)

6. LIVE _____

Jesus – "Don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow...Live one day at a time." Matthew 6:33 (LB)

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)