

“...THAT IN ME
YOU MAY
HAVE PEACE”

John 16:33



**WHY ARE TRIALS
AND
TRIBULATIONS
PART OF THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE?**



Handling Tribulations through Faith in the Lord Christ

SAVING PRINCIPLES ⁽¹⁾

1. Define the Nature of the hardship:

- Possible cause(s)
- Do I have a way to control or something to correct?
- Is it something that is happening or is it a perceived threat?



SAVING PRINCIPLES (2)

2. It is within my limits:

- “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able” *1 Cor. 10:13*
- “The World is only as strong as Christ allows” *Origen*



SAVING PRINCIPLES (3)

3. Look for the Escape, the comforts, and the purpose:

- “but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” *1 Cor. 10:13*
- “In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul”
Psalms 94:19
- How will this serve my salvation?



SAVING PRINCIPLES (4)

4. If I am in the Lord Christ, I am not alone in my struggle:

- “In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old” *Isaiah 63:9*



SAVING PRINCIPLES (5)

5. Is it solvable or is it here to stay?:

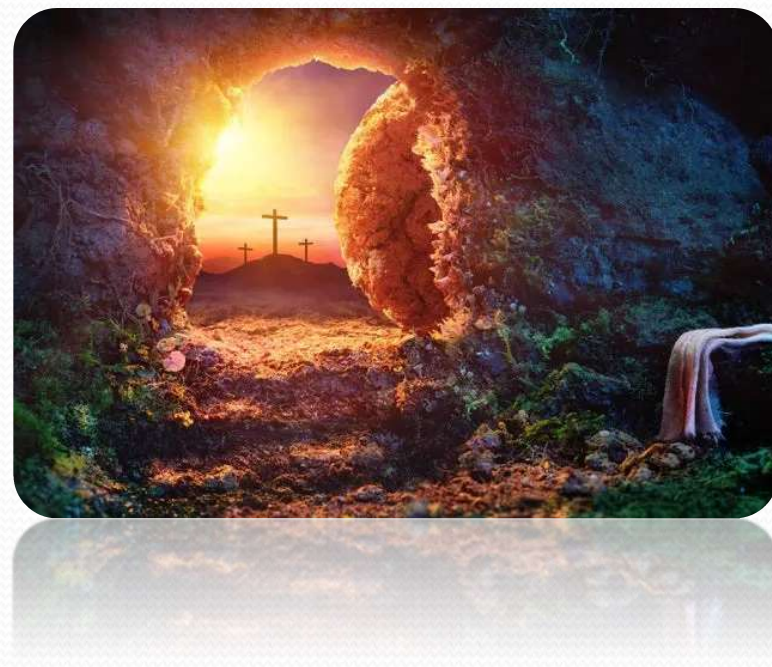
- “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness” *2 Cor. 12:8-9*



SAVING PRINCIPLES (6)

6. Let not fear reign:

- “And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.” *Luke 12:4*
- The harm of the panic mode



SAVING PRINCIPLES (7)

7. Stay close:

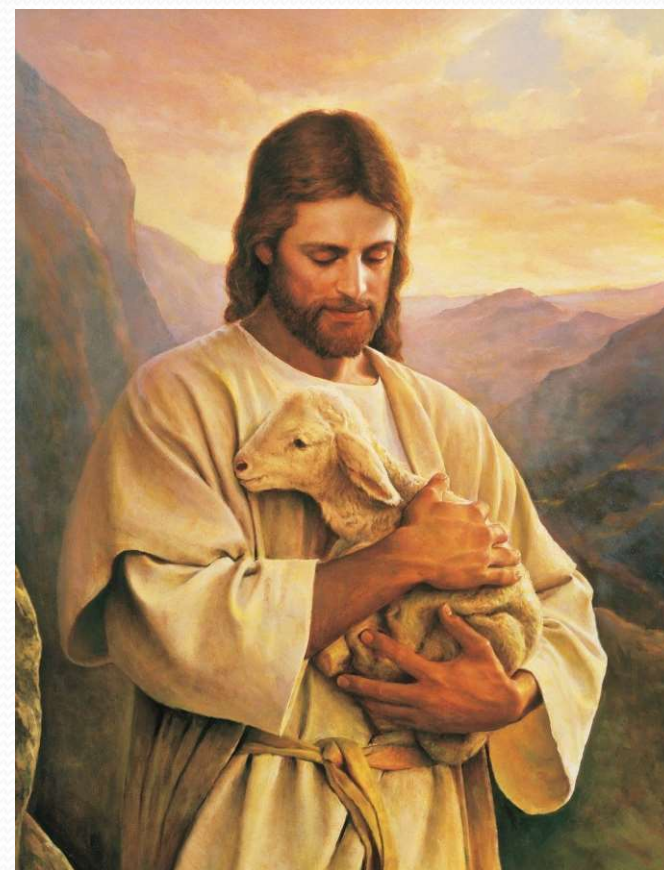
- “Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope” *Psalms 119:49*
- “...you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone” *John 16: 32*



SAVING PRINCIPLES ⁽⁸⁾

8. The bottom line :

- “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” *Romans 8:35*



SAVING PRINCIPLES (9)

9. Avoid securing peace or solutions through worldly means.
10. In prayers and in faith: “Thy will be done”

