

A BIBLICAL LIE WE THINK IS TRUE
“God will not give you more than you can bear.”

INTRO

In the Bible or not?

Cleanliness is next to godliness.

God helps them who help themselves.

My breath is offensive to my wife. Job 19:17

Idle hands are the devil’s tools.

Misery loves company.

He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it will be counted a curse to him. – Proverbs 27:14

Honesty is the best policy.

Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish. – Proverbs 31:6

WRONG IDEAS

God wants me to be happy above everything else.

It doesn’t matter what you do as long as you don’t hurt anyone.

It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.

+++++**God won’t give you more than you can bear.**

GOD WON’T GIVE YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN BEAR

It is said...you are...

Either about to go into a difficult season in life

In the middle of one

Coming out of one.

Seems like it’s often true.

Life can spiral downward fast.

Financial Bad report from doctor

Relationship Job

Depression Convergence of many things

Your feeling: “I can’t take any more.” I’m overtaxed, overburdened, beaten down, tired, lonely, lost, depressed.

And then someone comes forward with the FALSE IDEA

“I know how you feel.”

“God won’t give you more that you can bear.”

“Whenever God closes a door he opens a window.”

In other words: “Grit your teeth and pull yourself up by the bootstraps.”

TRUTH

“Will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when tempted God’s will provide a way of escape.”

Won’t give us more than HE can bear, since He promises help.

PEOPLE FROM THE BIBLE

Gideon – “Weakest in my clan”

Moses – I’m slow of speech”

Esther – “I am afraid”

David – “My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I’m exhausted and completely crushed. My groans come from an anguished heart. Psalm 38:4,8

Jesus was deeply distressed and troubled. My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow even to the point of death.

THREE REASONS HE MIGHT GIVE US MORE THAN WE COULD HANDLE

1) **Teach us to depend on his presence.**

How much we need Him.

When life gets difficult we are drawn to Him.

Jacob. Feels on the edge of extinction. He must face Esau.

Wrestles with God. Clings to Him. **I NEED YOUR PRESENCE!**

Jonah. Go preach.

Life spirals downward for him. He declares:

Jonah 2:2, 7

In my distress I called to the Lord and he answered me.

When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you Lord, and my prayer rose to you.”

Never let the presence of a storm cause you to doubt the presence of God.

David: Ps 145:18

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Ps. 23: Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil..

For Thou art with me.

I would rather be in the valley with Jesus than on the mountain without Him.

2) **To teach you to experience His power.**

God doesn’t expect us to do everything in our power

Paul’s thorn in the flesh.

My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

2 Cor. 12:9-10

When I am weak then I am strong.

Sailing not rowing.

When I can’t get it done, He gets it done through me.

3) To teach you to receive from others.

Sometimes when we are caught so deeply in the pain of some storm, God raises up others to help Him assist us. They can help lift the burden so it is more manageable.

Example of lifting up a big person. If I bring many others to the place it is so much easier for us all.

RUTH AND NAOMI: Ruth declares: "Where you go, I will go, where you stay, I will stay."

THE GREATEST CAREGIVER

Consequently my dear Christians, in the face of inconceivable amounts of pain and suffering, let us cast aside the cute little platitude, the lethal, unscriptural idolatrous lie that "God will not give you more than you can bear" and let us give to one another the ONLY lasting truth, strength, hope, mercy, and comfort that we have in this valley of sorrows, this veil of tears, this world of sin and death: JESUS. In Jesus Christ God has seen your affliction and known the distress of your soul. And what's more, he has delivered you from it in the most remarkable way. Jesus has suffered for you, bled for you, died for you, and has engraved you on the palms of his hands, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood.

You want to know if God has abandoned you, if he loves you, still cares for you, and hears your cries for mercy? Then, my dear Christian, you need only look to the cross of Jesus, to the wounds on his hands, feet, and side. There and there alone will you find God's great love for you in the crucified Christ. And when he rose from the dead on Easter morning, he promised you that he will never leave you nor forsake you. But be with you always, even to the end of the age, even in the valley of the shadow of death. He will bring you safely to himself. And in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet Jesus will return and he will raise you from the dead. He will wipe every tear from your eye. He will be your God and you will be his people. There will be no more suffering, sin, illness, disease, or death. The old will have passed away and the new will have come. God has joined you in the flesh, so that you may join him in your flesh, in eternity. This is our hope, dear Christians. Our hope and answer to sin, suffering, and evil is nothing less than Jesus Christ and him crucified, risen, and reigning to all eternity! This is most certainly true.