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## DAILY DEVOTION LIFE CAN BE TOUGH

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**John 16:33**

**[33]These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."**

**Jesus never promised us that everything would be perfect here on earth. He recognized that we would encounter trouble. But His instructions were to be of good cheer -- not to let it get us down.**

**As we encounter difficulties in life, it will help us to remember the big picture.**

**First: God is our Father and has a wonderful eternal plan for us. We are His children and He loves us.**

**Second: this time is a training period for our future life with God. We are supposed to be learning to trust God and to obey Him.**

**So, every problem we ever face is an opportunity to walk in faith and please God.**

**Every problem is an opportunity to overcome with God's help.**

**How can we expect to receive the blessings promised to the overcomer if we never have anything to overcome?**

**What is the answer when we seem overwhelmed with trouble?**

**Look to Jesus. He has already won the victory.**

**He has overcome and defeated the world. In Him is victory.**

**You may ask how you can look to Jesus. It is mostly a matter of focus -- what you choose to think on. What God says in His Word will set you free and give you peace. What the circumstances say is not the final word.**

**So, go to God's Word. Cling to the promises. Speak them. Sing them. Shout them. Rejoice over them. And thank God for them.**

**Also, you need to develop a closer relationship with the Lord. That is His desire and it should be yours. All relationships are based on communication, so you must talk to the Lord to deepen your relationship with Him. Develop the habit of talking with Him about everything. You can speak freely to Him -- after all He knows what you are thinking anyway.**

**PRAYER: Father I thank You because no matter what I face, the Lord is with me, and I can overcome because Christ already won the victory in Jesus name.**