

**Shalom, beloved.**

Let's take a moment to reflect on a deep spiritual truth that every believer must face: **How do we see and respond when we find ourselves in the middle of life's trials?**

**1. Jesus Understands Our Suffering**

The Bible teaches that Jesus is not a distant Savior—He walked where we walk. He experienced temptation, pain, and rejection just like us.

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.”*

— Hebrews 4:15

This means that Jesus understands the full weight of human suffering. But He also overcame it, giving us hope that we, too, can endure.

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

— John 16:33

## 2. Trials Are a Normal Part of the Christian Life

Contrary to the popular belief that faith guarantees a pain-free life, Scripture teaches that trials are part of the Christian journey. Ecclesiastes reminds us that life comes in seasons:

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

You may experience seasons of abundance, loss, loneliness, sickness, or joy—but none of these are outside of God's awareness. The key is learning how to respond when you enter the "wilderness" seasons.

### 3. Jesus Faced Danger, Yet Was Not Alone

After His baptism, Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tested:

*“At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.”*

— Mark 1:12-13

Here we see a dual reality: Jesus faced external threats (“wild animals”) and spiritual warfare (“tempted by Satan”). Yet at the same time, **Heaven was actively present**—“angels attended Him.” Theological implication: **God never leaves us alone in our trials. He surrounds us with divine help, even when it’s unseen.**

### 4. In Trials, Don’t Just See the Enemy—See God’s Presence

Sometimes trials bring people or circumstances that feel like enemies—harsh critics, betrayals, sickness, financial hardship, or rejection from loved ones. But these “wild beasts” should not blind us to the greater reality: **God is with us.**

This is what Elisha understood when he and his servant were surrounded by enemy armies. His servant panicked—but Elisha prayed:

*“‘Don’t be afraid,’ the prophet answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’”*

— 2 Kings 6:16

*“And Elisha prayed, ‘Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.’ Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”*

— 2 Kings 6:17

## **Theology of angelic ministry**

*(Hebrews 1:14) teaches that angels are “ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.” That means there is divine assistance working invisibly on our behalf, especially in moments of weakness and fear.*

#### 5. Daniel's Faith Shows Us How to Trust in the Trial

When Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, he did not fear. He focused on God's power—not the lions. His testimony was:

*"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight."*

— Daniel 6:22

Daniel's experience reveals this theological truth: **Faith doesn't always remove the trial, but it reveals God's power within it.**

#### 6. Application: Keep Your Spiritual Eyes Open

Just because we can't see angels or divine intervention doesn't mean God is absent. He often works behind the scenes to preserve, strengthen, and deliver us.

*"For we live by faith, not by sight."*

— 2 Corinthians 5:7

In moments of trial, don't focus only on what your physical eyes see. Ask God to open your spiritual eyes so you can see His power, presence, and provision.

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### **Final Encouragement:**

You may be going through a season of deep struggle, but know this: **God has not abandoned you.** His angels surround you. His Spirit strengthens you. His promises remain true.

So, be still. Let go of fear. Look beyond the struggle and fix your eyes on God. In due time, you will see His hand at work and experience His divine intervention.

*"Be still, and know that I am God."*

— Psalm 46:10

**Shalom.**

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