## Trusting in Turbulent Times

When the music fades, the applauds seize, and the crowd curls back home - there you stand alone.

What do you do when you are all alone and the turbulent waves set in?

It's a fact of life that we all face hard times; young and old, rich and poor.

"The man who moved a mountain was the one who began carrying away small stones." -

Chinese Proverb

Some people go through it and never recover or make it back again; others go through and come back stronger, richer and better.

There are lessons to be learned in all this.

## "Every Challenge is nothing more than a chance to make things better." Robin Sharma

How easy it is to trust God when all is flourishing and blossoming with brilliance. But when the troubles come and we are whipped to our knees with no dime in our pocket and no praise on our lips, then trusting God through these times becomes tedious. Most often we tend to think that God has forsaken us. It is those 'seasons' that shape our lives and build our character. God didn't promise life without storms/challenges. He promised to make us strong (Be with us through it all) to go through those times; making us overcomers. Isaiah 41:10 "Don't panic. I'm with you.

There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you"

Go the extra mile, for there lays a smile for your every trial.

"We must never be afraid to go too far, for

success lies just beyond." - Marcel Proust

Did you realize that the stones in the sea or at the sea shore are smooth? Yes! It's because of all those years and days they have been beaten by the sea waves/storms at the shore. The storm shaped and polished the roughness of those stones making them smooth and attractive to be collected (for aesthetic purposes).

## "Go the extra mile, for there lays a smile for every trial"

"Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them." -Ralph Waldo Emerson Trusting God through the turbulent times requires faith/hope and expectation. The some-day-I-will be out and better principle. Keep faith alive.

This is what Max Lucado had to say: "You know what storms do. Storms attack your faith. Storms destroy. Storms come like a missile. Storms usher in the night. And storms bring questions. Questions like, "Where is God?" and "Why would He do this?" Hold on, this storm won't be long. This too shall pass.

I will conclude with this all-time classic hymn.

## <u>'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus</u>

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at his word, just to rest upon His promise, just to know that it was said by God. (Oh oh)

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you, how I prove you more and more oh Jesus, Jesus, my precious Jesus. I thank you for the grace to trust more.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Daddy, just to take Him at his word, just to rest upon His promise, (oh my) just to know that it was said by God oh. So Daddy, Daddy, how i trust you, how, how I prove you more and more Daddy, Daddy, oh Daddy, my precious Daddy. I thank you for the grace to trust you more (yeah)

I thank you for the grace to trust you more.

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