

Your Story is Not Over...Why?

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Isaiah 7:9

“...If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.”

We must ask 4 questions when you get unwanted mail or face difficulties and troubles...

1. Was it from me? Did I cause it?

2. Was it by someone else?

3. Was it the cause of nature operating in a fallen universe?

**4. Did this come special delivery from the “evil one” himself?
(When I get the unmarked mail)**

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Four Truths in the Midst of Trouble

1. God is never the author of evil.

John 1:5

And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

2. God will never put on you more than he has put in you.

God loves us too much to hurt us. (His heart)

God is too powerful to fail. (His hand)

God is too wise to make a mistake. (His head)

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you;

And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,

Nor shall the flame scorch you.

We can endure everything with His life in us!

3. God's presence is never more evident than in the middle of a storm!

Psalm 34:18

The Lord *is* near to those who have a broken heart,

And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

4. God will use the pain that comes your way into his purpose and blessing!

Romans 8:28-29

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.