



**Trials and Trusting**  
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**Passage in a Sentence:** When believers face trials, remembering God's promises will help us act faithfully rather than fearfully.

- I. A purpose for trials: Trials are an opportunity to both display and further develop our faith in the Lord.**
  - a. For every trial we face, God has a purpose.
  - b. For every trial we face, God is present and will provide.
  
- II. A problem with trials: We can be tempted to forget God's promises and act fearfully rather than faithfully.**
  - a. In difficult times, we can be tempted to scheme rather than seek.
  - b. Our scheming often leads to more struggles.
  - c. God does not need our scheming, suggestions, or solutions, but He uses our seeking.
  - d. Do not give in to the fear that God will not provide.
  - e. Do not give in to the fear that God will not protect.
  
- III. God's providence over trials (and even our failures): By His power, God will accomplish all He has planned and promised.**
  - a. See how God protected.
  - b. See how God provided.
  - c. In our lives, God's faithfulness should produce humility and hope.
  
- IV. Our prayer during trials: Father, how should I trust you in this trial rather than just try to get myself out of this trouble?**
  - a. By your grace, help me not to fear.
  - b. By your grace, help me to be faithful.