

Following God in Challenging Times

Summer at The Bayou – Part 3

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“We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.”

Romans 5:3-4

Following God Often Requires:

GOING THROUGH **DETOURS** IN OUR LIVES

- *“So God led them in a roundabout way through the wilderness toward the Red Sea.” Exodus 13:18*

When Experiencing “God-Directed Detours,” We Can Trust That:

- THE LORD IS CARRYING OUT HIS **PLANS** - Jeremiah 29:11
- THE LORD WILL BLESS US WITH HIS **PRESENCE** - Exodus 13:21-22
- THE LORD WILL GIVE US HIS **PROVISION** - Philippians 4:19

Following God Often Requires:

DEALING WITH **DIFFICULTIES** IN OUR LIVES

- *“When word reached the king of Egypt that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds. ‘What have we done, letting all those Israelite slaves get away?’ they asked. So Pharaoh harnessed his chariot and called up his troops.” Exodus 14:5-6*

When Dealing With Difficult Situations, We Have to Learn How to:

- OVERCOME **FEAR** IN OUR LIVES - Exodus 14:10, Joshua 1:9
- OVERCOME **FRUSTRATION** IN OUR LIVES - Exodus 14:11-12
- LIVE BY **FAITH** IN OUR LIVES - Exodus 14:13-14, 21-25

Following God Often Requires:

OVERCOMING **DISAPPOINTMENTS** IN OUR LIVES

- *“Then the people complained and turned against Moses. ‘What are we going to drink?’ they demanded.” Exodus 15:24*

Overcoming Our Disappointments Requires:

- CALLING FOR THE LORD’S **INTERVENTION** - Exodus 15:25
- COMPLYING WITH THE LORD’S **INSTRUCTIONS** - Exodus 15:25-26
- COUNTING ON THE LORD’S **PROVISION** - Exodus 15:25, 27; Philippians 4:19