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 (James 4:12) "There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. ..."
 (Jude 1:24) "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,"
 (John 10:28-30) ""And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. {29} "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. {30} "I and My Father are one.""

3. God makes _____, always, verse 27. 11:33-36
 (Philippians 4:11-13) "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: {12} I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. {13} I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Why? That we might know how to respond properly to our trials. He gives this wisdom "liberally" to all who ask (v.5).

If life was like a clean, air-conditioned office, then off-the-shelf Christians would be adequate to meet the need. But we inhabit a world engulfed in a life-or-death spiritual battle. As we trust God through the difficult times, we'll become rugged and ready, tested and prepared for greater usefulness. —DCM

*God has a purpose in our heartaches,
 The Saviour always knows what's best;
 We learn so many precious lessons
 In each sorrow, trial, and test. —Jarvis*

God allows adversity into our lives not to break us but to better us.

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Rugged And Ready

The testing of your faith produces patience. —James 1:3

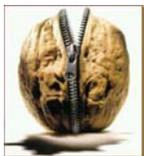
Every computer printer shipped by one company is first frozen, then heated to 60 degrees Celsius, and finally shaken violently for a quarter of an hour. This testing is the final step in a process called "ruggedization," which prepares an ordinary printer for use by the military. With its circuit boards secured and all components enclosed in a metal case, the printer is thoroughly tested to make sure it will work on the battlefield.

If that reminds you of the spiritual ruggedization you're undergoing today, take heart. It is God Himself, our loving Father, who allows the times of testing to prepare us to serve Him. When we find ourselves in difficult



circumstances, the Bible offers the surprising instruction to "count it all joy . . . , knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience" (James 1:2-3).

Through it all, God invites us to ask Him for wisdom.



Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

God is Trustworthy

As the Holy Spirit closes the book of Romans He gives us three reasons to trust God even when life goes sour:

1. God _____ each of us,
_____, verses 21-24

◆ T _____, verse 21

(Philippians 2:22) "But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel."

(1 Corinthians 4:17) "For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church."

(1 Thessalonians 3:2) "and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,"



◆ L _____, verse 21

(Acts 13:1) "Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, ..."

◆ J _____, verse 21

(Acts 17:5-7) "But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. {6} But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. {7} "Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king; Jesus.""

◆ S _____, verse 21

(Acts 20:4) "And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia; ..."

◆ T _____, verse 22

◆ G _____, verse 23

◆ E _____, verse 23

(1 Corinthians 1:26) "For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called."



◆ Q _____, verse 23

(Psalms 139:2) "You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off."

(Ephesians 1:4) "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,"

(Luke 15:7) ""I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

(Luke 15:10) ""Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.""

(Jeremiah 31:3) ".. Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

(Romans 8:35) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

(Romans 8:38-39) "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



2. God is able to _____ to the _____, verses 25-27

(Psalms 40:2) "He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps."

◆ We are saved through the _____ of Christ, verse 25

◆ We are saved through a now _____, v25-26

◆ We are saved through the _____ of God, verse 26

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

(Ephesians 3:20) ".. is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,"

(2 Timothy 1:12) ".. He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."

(Hebrews 2:18) ".. He is able to aid those who are

