

**IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING**  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

A. Something in life is always a challenge....

*...put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground...*

— Ephesians 6:13-14

*...the godly have a foundation that keeps them standing firm.*

— Proverbs 10:25

**I. STANDING UP TO WHAT KEEPS TRYING TO KNOCK US DOWN.**

A. Stay connected to your spiritual family.

*Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

— Ephesians 4:11-14

B. Put into practice everything you are learning

*"Anyone who listen to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock."*

— Matthew 7:24-25

*Those who look intently into God's perfect Word that gives us freedom, and continue to do this, and remember what they've heard, and then do it — they are the ones who will be blessed in what they do.*

— James 1:25

• This is why we encourage everyone to get into a small group. We believe that life change happens best in small groups. The information of the Bible becomes transformational in an atmosphere of vulnerability and accountability which is best experienced in a small group setting.

C. Turn your focus to how great God is.

*I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead....*

— Ephesians 1:19-20

*I know the greatness of the Lord – that our Lord is greater than any other god.*

— Psalm 135:5

D. Remind yourself how much Jesus cares for you.

*As evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake."...But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat.... The disciples woke Him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!"*

*...and there was a great calm..."Why are you afraid?"*

— Mark 4:35-40

*I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ.*

— Jude 1:1

**CONCLUSION:**