

“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

The same boiling water that softens the potato, hardens the egg. It's about what you're made of, not the circumstances. Author unknown

So, what are we made of? Do the trials and tribulations, the hardships and rough spots in life cause us to become bitter and angry and hardened to the world? Do we accept these challenging times as a way to grow and learn and become closer to the God who is with us no matter what? Remember Job and what about Joseph? They both had horrible things thrust upon them, but they kept the faith and refused to have a defeatist attitude to their circumstances. They did not, as the saying goes, tell God how big their problems were, they told their problems how big their God was. We always have a choice: react or respond to situations. No matter what is going on around us in our life, the thing that never changes is the God of Heaven. What goes on outside of us is just circumstances. Who we are inside is who we are in Christ Jesus. And how we deal with bad circumstances shows how rooted in him that we are. No fear.... just faith.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, **we will not fear**, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Psalm 46:6-7