

# GOD NEVER SAID THAT

WEEK 4  
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1 Corinthians 10:13

“Here on earth you will have many **trials** and **sorrows**.” John 16:33

We don’t have control over our **trials**, but we do have control over our **response** to trials.

Depend on God’s presence.

The Lord is my **shepherd**; I have all that I **need**. Psalm 23:1

He lets me **rest** in green meadows; he **leads** me beside peaceful streams. He **renews** my strength. He **guides** me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Psalm 23:2-3

Hand over control to God.

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your **own understanding**; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

*“Understanding will never bring you peace. That’s why I have instructed you to trust in Me, not in your understanding. Human beings have a voracious appetite for trying to figure things out in order to gain a sense of mastery over their lives. But the world presents you with an endless series of problems. As soon as you master one set, another pops up to challenge you. The relief you had anticipated is short-lived. Soon your mind is gearing up again: searching for understanding (mastery) instead of seeking Me (your Master).”* — Sarah Young

Give God a platform to showcase His power.

“My grace is all you need. My **power** works best in **weakness**... For when I am **weak**, then I am **strong**. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

*“Your greatest weakness is God’s greatest opportunity to show himself strong in you.”* — Andy Stanley

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary...He gives **power** to the **weak** and strength to the powerless. Isaiah 40:28-29

How are you responding to the more than you can handle in life?

## One Year New Testament Devotionals

Small group discussion questions related to the weekend message will resume in September 2018 during our next 10-week group semester. Small group registration opens August 12. Use these One Year New Testament questions to discuss with your small group or answer individually.

### Devotionals

The human body is extremely intricate and complex. Each part plays a unique role separate from the whole, but together, they form one body. Paul uses a similar image as he talks about the church: “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12)

We tend to place a hierarchy of importance on certain gifts such as the gift of teaching. Not everyone can be a pastor, and that is perfectly fine! We have all been given unique gifts by God to use and participate in His Kingdom. One gift is no more important than another. Be encouraged this week that there is something God has gifted you specifically for a role that only you can fulfill. You have a profound and unique impact to make: “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)

### Sunday, July 29 — Romans 12:1-21

What unique gifts do you feel like God has given you? How do you use these gifts to benefit other people? Why is it so hard for us to love others who are different than us? How can we love them genuinely as Paul describes?

### Monday, July 30 — Romans 13:1-14

What comes to mind when you hear the word surrender? Why do you think Paul is telling us to not owe anything to anybody? What would life look like if we were debt free to others? What specific gesture of love or kindness can you use to build a relationship this week?

### Tuesday, July 31 — Romans 14:1-23

What are some personal convictions that you have? How do you honor others with those convictions? How can you avoid being a stumbling block for others, while following your own convictions?

### Wednesday, August 1 — Romans 15:1-22

What factors influence a person’s calling or vocation in life? What various tasks does God give to people like us to serve Him? At this point in your life, what could you do to determine whether your vocation is in line with God’s desire for your life? Read Jeremiah 29:11.

### Thursday, August 2 — Romans 15:23-16:7

Do you have a group of people that you lean on? Are they good or bad influences? How important is it for a Christian to have other Christians that they rely on? What sacrifice can you make this week to help another believer who is struggling with a burden?

### Friday, August 3 — Romans 16:8-27

What encouragement did Paul give the people in their struggle with evil? (Romans 16:19-20) What does our level of generosity reveal about our understanding of God? How does focusing on the greatness of God increase our ambition to serve Him?

### Saturday, August 4 — 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

What are you most thankful for today? What words of affirmation did Paul have for his readers? (1 Corinthians 1:2-3) In what ways is God faithful to you? In what part of your daily routine this week can you take time out to thank God?