

Remaining Positive in Trying Times

Intro: (2nd Cor 4:7-9) **But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.**

10 Keys:

1. Don't think it strange (1st Peter 4:12-14)
2. Keep the proper attitude (Rom 8:17-19)
3. Never question God's love (Rom 8:35-38)
4. Be careful what you listen to (Rom 10:17)
5. Know who you are (2nd Sam 9:7,8; 2nd Cor 5:21)
6. Take control of your emotions; your soul (1 Thes 5:23, 2 Cor 5:7)
7. Take control of your thoughts (2nd Cor 10:3-5)
8. Trust in the Lord – No god like our God! (Is 44:8, Psalm 118:6)
9. STAND – no matter what (Eph 6:13)
10. Encourage yourself if you have to! (1st Sam 30:6)