

No Matter What

There are three simple words you should know that will take you places in your faith that you never thought possible. They aren't complicated and don't require any "in depth" interpretation. Although frequently manipulated by the circumstances surrounding them, they are precise, pertinent, and powerful when it comes to growing your faith. Are you ready? Here they are:

"No matter what"

If you're not exactly sure how those three simple words can transform your faith, let me spell it out for you:

When you're facing financial stress that brings you face to face with foreclosure and the loss of all your hopes and dreams . . . trust God—*"No matter what."*

When your spouse is an addict, won't get help, and continues to allow the devil to unleash chaos, pain and suffering in your home . . . trust God—*"No matter what."*

When your child is battling a terminal illness and the end is eminent . . . trust God—*"No matter what."*

When your entire life is unraveling at the seams and your pain and emptiness continually smother your peace and joy . . . trust God—*"No matter what."*

In the unthinkable pain and suffering that Job endured in his life, he summed up his faith like this:

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him . . ." Job 13:15 (KJV)

Now, hear the truth, *"Faith doesn't make things easy . . . but it makes all things possible."* And this is where these three simple words will take your faith farther than you ever imagined. It's when you make the *decision* to trust God, regardless of the overwhelming evidence within your circumstances that tell you He's abandoned you, you'll find yourself in a place of being able to have a *personal encounter* with Almighty God. And this encounter, as magnificent and life changing as it is, will cost you "something." Too often, in our walk of faith, we are asked to simply "endure."

To endure means "to carry through despite hardships; to suffer patiently without giving up." It means "holding on," *even if by a thread*. Jesus assured us, "*But he who endures to the end will be saved.*" (Matthew 24:13 AMP) If we are truly living a life of faith in Christ, we are able to endure, knowing that our God is bigger than our problems, the devil (who relentlessly attacks us), and the pain and suffering that threaten to overtake us. Our faith comes in ***grabbing hold of God's Promises even when life is pulling us apart.*** His Promises assure us that our God is boundless, measureless, limitless, and immense.

In the face of your obstacles, no matter how insurmountable they might seem, you have the opportunity to know God in a more intimate way than ever before. He's drawing you nearer. He wants you to close your eyes, trusting Him through faith and not by what you see around you. *God is asking you to walk in this world, yet allowing you to experience joy and peace, as you to step into His.* It may "look" as though you are walking through the valley of death . . . you may be facing the "unthinkable," but God assures you . . . He is there, He is all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful, and ever-present. (Psalm 23) In the darkness, He's there to take your hand and lead you . . . *not by blind faith*, but with a mature, strong, enduring faith that steadily learns to trust Him—"***No matter what.***"