

The Key to Surviving the Tough Times in Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 11:23-29.

B. We all face tough times—there is a key to conquer instead of being conquered by tough times.

II. Tough times are inescapable.

A. Moses did things his way in tough times and found that this does not work.

B. Tough times either build us or destroy us. Moses responded appropriately after Pharaoh continually denied God's requests to release the people.

III. The key to responding to tough times is seeing Him who is invisible.

IV. All tough times are conquerable when we learn the secret: one must learn to walk in the continual awareness that he is in the presence of God.

A. Seasons of worry or fear suggest that one has not learned to walk in the presence of God.

B. A person will experience worry and fear, but only briefly, when he walks in the presence of God.

C. At the burning bush, Moses heard God speak. (Exodus 3)

D. It is our burning bush when we turn to listen to God in a time of need.

Application questions:

1. When have you looked to God during a difficult time? What did you learn?

2. What does it look like to be in the presence of God during a difficult experience?

3. How would you counsel someone going through a difficult time? What are some safeguards that would be good to exercise when giving someone counsel?
