

## Higher

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One of the best times to grow in trusting God is when everything seems to be going *wrong*!

When I feel the most *not* in control is so often the best time for learning that God *is* in control and is working all things for ultimate good.

Such "dark nights" have come, at least for me, periodically throughout my life journey. The past couple of years have included such times, when I agonize, cry out for God's deliverance. I want things fixed -- soon! Yet as I look back, I am deeply grateful for being pressed almost beyond limit, because I was forced more and more to trust in God alone.

Will I fail to trust the next time? Perhaps. Yet I am aware that I have progressed higher up in my journey of trusting in His good will. Thanks be to God.



*Coffee/tea thought:* "One of the best times for us to cultivate the nearness of God emerges when nothing is going our way ... Such experiences give us opportunity to pay attention to God's *presence* and call for God's *help*." -- Rueben P. Job, *A GUIDE FOR PRAYER FOR ALL WHO SEEK GOD*.

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对神的信心最容易长进的时候之一是所有事情都不对劲的时候。

我发现局面完全无法控制的时候常是学习神在掌权并叫万事互相效力的最好机会。

这样的“黑夜”，在我的经历中周期性地出现。过去的几年来，有时我极度痛苦，呼求神来施拯救。我想要解决问题——尽快！可当我回过头看时，我为自己被压以致过了自己的局限而感恩，因为我被迫更多地去单单依靠神。

下次我会又不去靠他吗？也许。但我知道我在信他的道路上向更高的阶梯迈进着。感谢神。

随想：“我们培养与神亲近最容易的时候之一是事情不按我们的想法来进行的时候……这些经历给我们机会注意神的同在，并呼求他的帮助。”——Rueben P. Job 《寻求神者之祷告手册》

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