

The Bible Doesn't Say That
"This Too Shall Pass"
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

1 Peter 4 ¹² *Dear friends, don't be surprised or shocked that you are going through testing that is like walking through fire. ¹³ Be glad for the chance to suffer as Christ suffered. It will prepare you for even greater happiness when he makes his glorious return. (CEV)*

1. All of us will experience suffering.

John 16 ³³ *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. (NLT)*

2. God promises us his eternal provision.

Deuteronomy 31 ⁶ *The Lord your God will always be at your side, and he will never abandon you. (CEV)*

Matthew 14 *"Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."* ²⁸ *Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."* ²⁹ *And Jesus said, "Come."* *Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" (CEB)*

3. Our focus should be on the eternal and not the temporal.

2 Corinthians 4 ¹⁶ *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (NIV)*

2 Corinthians 4 ⁸ *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*