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⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

1 Peter 1:3-9 ⁸ You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

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"I have only contempt for this world's threats; I find its blessing laughable." St. John Chrisostrym



This world is not my home, I'm just passing through My home is far away somewhere beyond the blue The angels beckon me from heaven's distant shore And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.



- 1. Don't sweat the small stuff.
- 2. Remember that it's all small stuff.

When we look too closely at our problems, we lose perspective and they seem larger than they really are.

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We have received God's mercy.

We have been given new birth, and new life.

We can live this life with a sense of hope and optimism.

We need not be afraid of death, because Jesus conquered death.

We have an eternal inheritance that can never be destroyed.

We are protected by God's power until the end of time.



"You can take away my wife and children, you can strip me of my clothes and my freedom, but there is one thing no person can ever take away from me, and that is my freedom to choose how I will react to what happens to me!"

Viktor Frankl



If we remember God's goodness, then no problem we face has the power to take away our joy.



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We have the power to overcome any test or temptation that comes our way.

1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.



It is not that God gives us problems to match our strength. He gives us strength to match our problems. And He promises that His strength is available whenever we need it.



Every problem, no matter how disastrous, can be worked out for our best.

Nehemiah 13:2

Instead, they hired Balaam to curse them, though our God turned the curse into a blessing.



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Deuteronomy 23:5

But the Lord your God refused to listen to Balaam. He turned the intended curse into a blessing because the Lord your God loves you.



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Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.



Remember that the problems we face are not meant to take the strength out of us, but to put strength into us.



