

It's Not What Happens to You...

IT'S HOW YOU

Handle it!

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How many times have you heard that statement made? I'll bet it was right after something happened that you would rather not discuss. Believe me, I understand. Amazingly enough, even motivational speakers and the most positive minded of us have times that difficult to deal with. Invariably, these are the times that our loved ones remember every word of our last speech and quote them to us verbatim.

The hardest part of living is getting over the next hurdle. There will always be another hurdle as long as you move forward. That, I believe is what stops most people from moving forward. They project in their minds bigger and bigger hurdles while having smaller and smaller resources. What most people don't understand is, the hurdles actually get smaller and the resources get bigger. As we seek the Lord, his presence is even more powerfully with us.

The Psalmist wrote, "The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you." (Psalm 9:9-10).

What an incredible promise! And of course we know that the closer we walk with God, the better our chances of success, freedom, and victory.

What are you waiting for? It's not what happens to you, it's how you handle it! Most of all, it's who you walk with that determines the outcome of your life. So go on, take on that next hurdle, be free from your burdens of failure, and seek the Lord in all that you do. Victory awaits!

"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which

God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.” (Philippians 3:12-15)