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Matthew 14:22-33

We all face trials. Realistically, if you're not currently in a storm, you're either just getting out of one or about to enter one. Thankfully, we serve a good God who always provides—including during the dark periods of life. Today's passage tells of a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee. Let's look at three ways Jesus provides for us today just as He did for the disciples then.

1. Presence. God is with every believer through His indwelling Holy Spirit, and He promises never to leave ([John 14:16-17](#); [Heb. 13:5](#)). This is a great gift because it gives a sense of comfort, courage, and confidence.

2. Pathway. He blesses Christians with guidance through trouble. Jesus is in total control of our storm and will use it for His purposes. We may not understand, but we can trust Him to lead us and accomplish good.

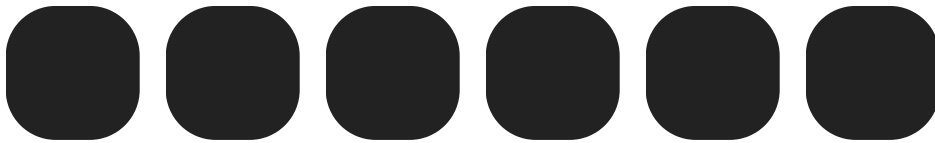
3. Potential. He offers believers the ability to grow. Hardships are exercises in trust and times to learn more fully who God is and how great His power and love are.

No one enjoys trials, but we can be grateful for God's hand in our life and the ways He will use us. Hardships are opportunities to trust the Creator and know Him better.

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1 Timothy 1:3-7

Yesterday we looked at how powerful our conscience can be, but even this divinely bestowed moral compass can be swayed by our thoughts, experiences, and background. What matters

most is the amount of truth that informs it.

Since Jesus is the truth ([John 14:6](#)), trusting Him is the first step toward developing a good conscience. When He comes into our life, He gives us a new heart and mind, which can understand and apply truth. Things we once considered acceptable, we now recognize as sinful.

We also have the truth of God’s Word. As we let Scripture fill our mind, our “monitoring system” is sharpened. Then we filter thoughts and actions through the grid of God’s standard for right and wrong.

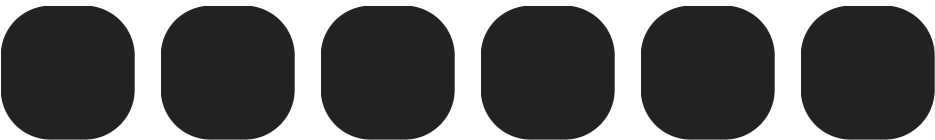
In addition, we have been given the Holy Spirit, who works with our conscience to assist us in discriminating between righteousness and sin. He also interprets Scripture for us and prompts us to apply it accurately to our life.

Thankfully, the Lord has given us everything we need to develop a good conscience, which is essential for living a godly life.

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1 Timothy 1:18-20

God gave us the gift of a conscience to act as a moral compass, but if we ignore it, we may suffer shipwreck. When writing to Timothy, Paul charged the young man to keep the truths of the faith and a good conscience. Ignoring either piece of advice could have put Timothy in danger.

The conscience is an inner monitor that judges our actions as right or wrong, but it is fallen and in need of redemption. Depending on how it's been programmed, our moral compass even has the potential to nudge us in the wrong direction.

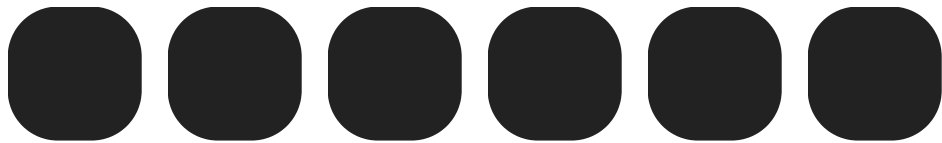
Paul himself is an illustration of this. His formal education as a Pharisee had taught him that Christians were a threat to God and the Jewish faith. His conscience had been programmed to see killing them as service to the Lord. So he passionately hunted believers down without a twinge of guilt. Only after Christ met him on the way to Damascus was his inner sense of right and wrong transformed and his life's course altered.

We need the truths of faith to shape our conscience so we can trust it to lead us in the right direction. Take a moment to ask the Lord if anything is clouding your internal signals, and trust in His promise to make your path straight ([Prov. 3:5-6](#)).

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Acts 9:10-18

What is the most worthwhile investment a person can make? It isn't a retirement account, a lucrative career, or a fine house, though these are all good. There is no better way to invest time, energy, or resources than to help someone come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

When we first trusted in the Savior, God transferred us from the realm of darkness into the kingdom of His Son (**Col. 1:13**). As a result, we became an instrument in His hands, useful for reaching others for Christ. When others turn from sin and receive the Lord's salvation, their eternal destiny is altered. Not only that, but Satan also receives a devastating blow—all his plans for those individuals are thwarted. And as each new believer begins to live in God's will, there's no telling how far the Lord will extend His kingdom through them.

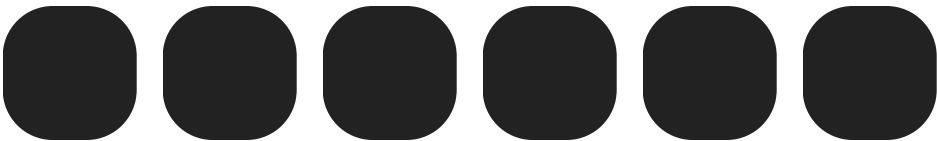
Furthermore, whenever you tell someone about the Savior, you’re carrying out the Great Commission ([Matt. 28:19-20](#)). This gigantic task is accomplished one person at a time, as we each do our part to share the gospel.

God’s plan for enlarging His kingdom is so simple—one person telling another about Jesus. Just think about being in heaven and seeing someone you introduced to Jesus. Your joy will far exceed any discomfort you may have felt in sharing the gospel.

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Daily Devotional - Friday, September 10, 2021 - How to Stay Young All Your Life

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Psalm 92:12-15

Our culture is obsessed with youth. Products abound that offer better health, fewer wrinkles, and increased energy, but these address the issue of aging only in superficial ways; nothing alters the fact that our bodies grow older. Feeling old, however, is *not* inevitable—with the right attitude, we can be young at heart no matter what our chronological age may be. We do this by cultivating ...

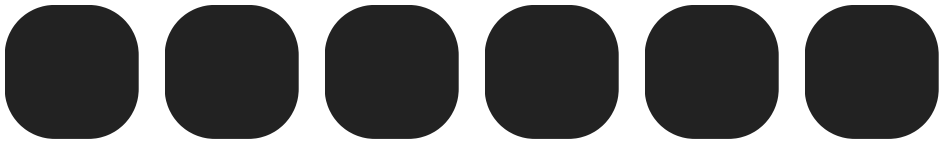
- **A God-Centered Focus.** Keep your mind on the things above rather than on earthly things ([Col. 3:2](#)). See each day as an opportunity to trust God more fully, love Him more deeply, and serve Him more joyfully.
- **An Active Pursuit of Learning.** Never stop learning from Scripture. Long for the Word the way a baby craves milk so you can continue to grow spiritually ([1 Pet. 2:2](#)).
- **A Hopeful Outlook on Life.** Let godly thinking shape your attitudes. Be joyful, thankful, and prayerful ([1 Thess. 5:16-18](#)).
- **An Others-Centered Orientation.** Don't let yourself withdraw into self-absorption. Instead, invest your life in others for their spiritual encouragement and growth ([1 Thess. 5:11](#)).

Staying young while growing old begins with your mind. So never stop learning, laughing, and loving God with all your heart.

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