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Based on God's faithfulness, there is no problem that God's redeemed sons and daughters ever face that is either unique or beyond their ability to handle if they meet the problem in God's way, using God's resources.

Given the grace of God, given your knowledge of God's word, given your present state of sanctification, given the resources of the Holy Spirit within, there is no trial into which God calls you that is beyond your ability to withstand.

I. "There is no trial that has overtaken you but such as is common to man"

- a. sin cannot be excused
- b. responsible to meet each problem as God commands; there are no special cases.
- c. our problems are not unique, therefore we can never plead that we must be excused from solving problems God's way.

II. "And God is faithful who will not allow you to be tried beyond what you are able to endure"

- a. helped to face such problems by the assurance that others have successfully done so before us (by following God's directions and availing themselves of His resources).
- b. you are not alone. You have a sympathetic High Priest who can enter into all your problems, for they have been His problems too. He knows your heartache, sorrow, pain.
- c. your real hope in trouble, your only certain hope in despair, is in God. All hope lies in Him realized only through Jesus.
- d. when one's hope is properly set on God, fixed upon His promises and founded upon His word, that hope does not fail.
- e. never sends trials heavier than a Christian can bear.

III. "but with the trial also will make a way of escape in order that you may be able to endure it"

a. God's message of forgiveness in Scripture is the only answer to this life's most fundamental problems.

b. Jesus did not act according to feelings.

c. key to solving the problems of life is God's word (strengthening message).

d. pursue God's path of forgiveness and restitution.

e. confess your sin of despair in the light of God's gracious provisions for you as He has explained them in this promise.

f. throw aside all self-pity, abandon every vestige of hesitation, strip yourself of excuses and rationalizations, and cast yourself wholly upon this promise of God and the God of this promise.

g. sinners give up and allow the environment to control them.

h. Bible equips every Christian for every emergency in life.

i. to fail to use God's gracious provision of the Scriptures in which lie the principles needed for a life of godliness is to misrepresent God to unbelievers.

j. every problem has a solution; every trial will come to an end for God's children (reassuring - enables you to go on).

### Summary

No sin or problem is unique. It has been experienced and overcome by someone before. Christ can sympathize with our problems. Furthermore, He only gives us as much as we are able to endure. He knows what we can handle, our limitations. We can only handle our problems by depending on God and His Word, seeking forgiveness and restitution. We have no excuse not to solve our problems and should not despair because God is faithful and will provide a way of escape. By working out our problems God's way, we honor Him.

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## The Enemy's Lies

## God's Truth

<p>“Your problems are unique, bigger and tougher than other peoples’.”          (List problems in your life that you have thought about this way.)</p>	<p>“You are dealing with common temptations.”          (List the daily temptations that you face that are not unlike others’ temptations.)</p>
<p>“God has forgotten you.”          (List the places where you have tended to feel forgotten.)</p>	<p>“I am Faithful.”          (List evidences of the faithfulness of God in your life.)</p>
<p>“Your problems are more than you can bear.”          (Where have you felt overwhelmed or overburdened?)</p>	<p>“I will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.”          (What are the resources for dealing with your problems that are already present in your life?)</p>
<p>“You are trapped and there is no way out.”          (List the problems that you are facing that seem unsolvable.)</p>	<p>“I will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”          (Identify changes in you that would enable you to deal with the difficulties of your situation.)</p>

