

TRAIL OF TRIALS

IF THEY COULD MAKE IT,
SO CAN YOU!!

The End Matters Most

When trials are worth it.

Genesis 29:14-30

1. Introduction

1. A few examples of willful trials:
 1. **Becoming a _____ of Jesus.** (Acts 9:16). Dietrich Bonhoeffer: *When Christ calls you he calls you to come and die.* (2 Timothy 3:12).
 2. **Bearing _____.** Genesis 3:16
 3. **Getting _____.** 1 Corinthians 7:28
 4. **Starting a new _____.**
 5. **Registering for your degree.** Ecclesiastes 12:12
2. **Text: Genesis 29:14b-30. Jacob _____ for his trial.**
3. A key question of life every person must answer is this: **What is _____ suffering for?**
 1. **All life pursuits in this world that is _____ something _____ something.**
 2. **The two most valuable resources we spend is _____ and _____.**
 3. **What money _____ buy isn't worth it.**
 1. **Ecclesiastes 5:12** *The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. 1 Timothy 6:9-10* *People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*
 4. **What money _____ buy is worth it.**
4. **Nothing _____ a trial more than the _____ of the end.**
 1. **It is not about the light at the end of the tunnel but the _____ at the end of the tunnel.**
 2. **_____ disappears when you envision the prize.** *So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.*
 3. **Focusing on the trial might _____ you the prize.**
 4. **Hebrews 12:2** *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You cannot lose heart if the desires of your heart are waiting for you at the _____ of the trial.*
5. **Do not _____ about your trial if you know why you are in it.**
 1. **Sometimes the trial we sign up for turns out harder than we _____, keep going anyways.**
 2. **Whatever you are going through now, don't _____ why you are in it.** *Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9.*