

Lingering among the unspoken expectations of the Christian heart is this: now that I belong to God, I get a pass on the tribulations of life. I get a bubble. Others face storms. I live to help them. To follow Jesus is to live a storm-free life, right?

That expectation crashes quickly on the rocks of reality. The truth of the matter is this: life comes with storms. Jesus assures us, *"In this world you will have trouble."* (John 16:33)

Unshakable Hope

Max Lucado



It was only when I lay there on rotting prison straw that I sensed within myself the first stirrings of good. Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes, not through states, not between classes, nor between political parties, but right through every human heart. So bless you, prison, for having been in my life.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn quoted in *When Your World Falls Apart*
by David Jeremiah



When God permits His children to go through the furnace, He keeps His eye on the clock and His hand on the thermostat. His loving heart knows how much and how long.
Tried for a season, pure for eternity.

Warren Wiersbe quoted in *When Your World Falls Apart*
by David Jeremiah



True Christianity is to know Jesus and trust in Him, to rely on Him, to admit that all of our strength comes from Him. That kind of faith is not only what pleases God, but is also the only channel through which the power of God flows into our lives so we can live victoriously for Him.

It is what Paul meant when he wrote,
*"I can do everything through Christ who
gives me strength."* (Phil. 4:13)

Fresh Faith
Jim Cymbala



Jesus is the only manna you need in any and every level of your life. You can depend on Him in any crisis or emergency in every aspect of your life.

He cares and He carries.
He promises and He performs.
He acts and He accomplishes.
He forgives and He forgets.

Manna
Steve Farrar