



# When Life is Hard

Revelation 2:8-11

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*Remember...*

## 1. God knows what you're going through.

**Revelation 2:8-9, NLT** -<sup>8</sup> "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive: <sup>9</sup> "I know about your suffering...

**Revelation 2:9, NCV** -<sup>9</sup> I know your troubles...

**Revelation 2:9, CEB** -<sup>9</sup> I know your life is hard...

## 2. God knows how you're going to get through it.

**Revelation 2:9, NIV84** -<sup>9</sup> I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich!

**Revelation 2:9, MSG** -<sup>9</sup> "I can see your pain and poverty—constant pain, dire poverty—but I also see your wealth.

## 3. God knows who's really against you.

**Revelation 2:10, NASB95** -<sup>10</sup> ...Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days.

**Revelation 2:10, The MSG** -<sup>10</sup> "...The Devil is about to throw you in jail for a time of testing—ten days. It won't last forever. "Don't quit, even if it costs you your life..."

## 4. "Do not fear!"

**Revelation 2:10, NASB95** -<sup>10</sup> 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**Revelation 2:10, NLT** -<sup>10</sup> Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer.

**Revelation 2:10, CEB** -<sup>10</sup> Don't be afraid of what's coming...

## 5. "Be faithful!"

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**Revelation 2:10, NCV** -<sup>10</sup> ...But be faithful, even if you have to die, and I will give you the crown of life.

## 6. Your battle has already been won!

**Revelation 2:10-11, NKJV** -<sup>10</sup> ...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup> "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." '

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