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Never Give Up!

THE FRUIT OF LONGSUFFERING

By Nancy Missler

Bible Study Questions



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Bible Study: *“Never Give Up!”* by Nancy Missler

Homework

Book Text: Chapter 1, pages 23-45

QUESTIONS:

1. Read the list of reasons why God allows trials in our lives on page 23 and pick one that relates to a trial you have gone through or are going through.

a. Which one applies to your trial?

b. Why do you think this trial has happened in your life?

2. Define “suffering” using two different dictionaries and 2 Biblical sources.

3. Define “longsuffering” using two different dictionaries and 2 Biblical sources.

4. List 6 things a Christian receives from the Lord when they persevere and “never give up.”

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

6. What are the eight principles that make up God's cycle of trust?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

7. What two choices do we have when we are in the eye of the storm?

8. What causes us to doubt God?

9. Have you or are you going through a trial that has caused you to doubt God? Explain.

10. How can we combat doubt?

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Book Text: Chapter 2, pages 47-59

QUESTIONS:

1. Knowing that God loves us must come before we can:

a. _____ Him

b. _____ Him

c. _____ Him

d. _____ Him

2. Why do we need to know God loves us?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. Read 1 John 4:7-21. Next to each verse number below, list whether we are told to love [we] or the verse states that God loves us or has done something to show His love. [God]

7: _____	12: _____	17: _____
8: _____	13: _____	18: _____
9: _____	14: _____	19: _____
10: _____	15: _____	20: _____
11: _____	16: _____	21: _____

*Note: Your answers may be different then other people's answers.
Basically, it should be close to a 50/50 split. 8^)

4. What are the 4 ways we can “prove” God loves us?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. Read page 55 on how God communicates His Love for us.

a. Share a short story here of a brother or sister in the Lord who God used in your life to show you His love.

b. Share a situation or circumstance here that God used to show you His love.

6 Write out one of your favorite verses in His Word about how much He loves us.

7. Read Job 13:15. What do you think would be the ultimate test of your trust in God?

8. Reviewing the “Cycle of Trust” on page 45, list 5 ways you could “specifically” deal with the test you described above.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

9. Read Psalm 37:8b in the New American Standard Bible or New King James Version Bible. (If you have Internet access, you can use <http://www.biblegateway.com> to find it.)

- a. Find the definition of “fret” and write it below.

b. How will fretting effect your trust in the Lord?

10. Re-list the first 3 principles that make up God's Cycle of Trust:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Book Text: Chapter 3, pages 60-83

QUESTIONS:

1a. What must we do before God can reveal Himself to us?

1b. What does it mean to obey God?

1. _____

2. _____

2. Read 1 Samuel 15:10-35

a. In verses 18-23, Saul was chastised for not obeying the Lord.
(Read verse 3) What did he do instead of obeying God?

b. Israel complained they wanted a king so God made Saul their first king. Read more about Saul in 1 Samuel chapters 13 and 14. List 5 character traits that led to him choosing not to obey God.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

c. Do you think Saul's decision to make a sacrifice of (verse 15) the spoil they were supposed to destroy was an act of selfishness _____ or actually an innocent mistake _____ ?

3. List the 3 steps of obedience below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. What does it mean to really love God?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. To love God means to _____ ourselves.

a. Read John 13:34. After reading the story in this weeks chapter about Sue, beginning on page 71, think of a situation where you have been faced with a choice to be obedient or selfish. What choice would be obedient to God's will? Why?

b. After reading the story about Melissa beginning on page 75, how do you feel about making a similar choice?

6. Describe something that you could deny yourself, in obedience to God, that would show your love for someone you find hard to love.

7. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9, Romans 8:28, John 3:16, Hebrews 11:16, James 1:12, James 2:5, and 1 John 4:19.

a. List 5 things we receive when we love (agapao) God.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

8. Read Proverbs 10:12, Matthew 5:43-45, Luke 6:35, John 13:35, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 John 4:12.

a. List 5 things we receive when we love others.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

9. How much we love God can sometimes be measured by how well we treat others. Commit over the next week to do at least one thing for someone you don't really know. Be concrete—Chuck Missler, in an audio testimony, “A More Excellent Way” said in love, “You can pray for someone. You can even write a check. But nothing shows your love for a person like a concrete action.”

10. Remind yourself of the Lord's Cycle of Trust and the Enemy's Cycle of Defeat. Meditate on these principles in your life.

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Book Text: Chapter 4, pages 84-111

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to “renew our minds”?

2. What are two characteristics of a renewed mind?

1. _____

2. _____

3. List the three major reasons why mind renewal is so important.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Review the second reason for mind renewal in Question 3. Read Philippians 4:8. In the spaces below, pick at least one thing in your life that fits each “good thing” our minds need to be filled with.

- a. Whatsoever is true: _____
- b. Whatsoever is honest: _____
- c. Whatsoever is just: _____
- d. Whatsoever is pure: _____
- e. Whatsoever is lovely: _____
- f. Whatsoever is of good report: _____
- g. If there be any virtue: _____
- h. If there be any praise: _____

5. Believing by Faith and making “faith choices” can seem like a shallow claim, or false expectation. Yet when reading Mark 9:24, the Lord gives us a life application example. Pray the cry of the father in this verse, “I do believe; help my unbelief,” and apply it to a struggle in your life.

6. Read Philippians 3:12-14.

- a. How does making a “faith choice” to “take every thought captive” relate to this verse?

b. How can verse 13 apply to every day negative thoughts?

7. List below, the four essential steps to renewing our minds on a daily basis.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

8. What gives us the freedom from ourselves, other's responses, our circumstances, and Satan's deceptions?

9. Read Psalm 51. Now take the four essential steps to renewing our minds from Question 7 and list the verses from David's Psalm that follow each step.

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

10. Now that we have come this far in the Lord's Cycle of Trust, think of something you struggle with, as you may have in Question 5, and apply these steps to that situation.

Do you feel closer to being "free" of your struggle?

If not, go over your assignments, pray, read the verses we have been studying, and ask your God, your Father in Heaven to show you how to apply His Word. Remember, it may take time to see the results.

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Book Text: Chapter 5, pages 112-137

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the third key of obedience?

2. What is “unconditional” faith?

3. What are the 3 main components that make up faith?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Read Hebrews Chapter 11 – otherwise known as the “faith” chapter. List below what each Biblical character did out of faith in God:

a. By faith Abel _____

b. By faith Enoch _____

c1. By faith Abraham _____

c2. By faith Abraham _____

d. By faith Sara _____

e. By faith Isaac _____

f. By faith Jacob _____

g. By faith Joseph _____

h. By faith Moses _____

i. By faith Israel _____

j. By faith The Walls of Jerusalem _____

k. By faith Rahab _____

5. List 3 of the above “faith choices” that relate to a faith choice you have made. Explain below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

6. a. List 5 common everyday choices we make that demonstrate faith at the simplest level.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

b. List 5 everyday faith choices we make that have a more important impact on our lives.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

c. Read Matthew 13:31-32. Compare the size of your faith to this parable. When you think of how often you exercise your faith as in parts a and b above, do you see a faith much larger than you thought? _____
Briefly explain below.

7. What are the first 3 emotions that make up the enemy's cycle of defeat?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

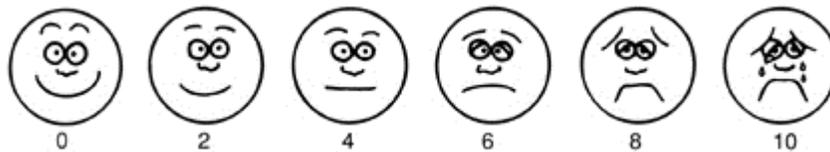
8. a. Define "discouragement" using a dictionary or Bible help.

b. Define "confusion" using a dictionary or Bible help.

c. Define "depression" using a dictionary or Bible help.

9. What is “overcoming faith”?

The Faces of Pain Scale



10. The scale above is used in most hospital and medical facilities. It is a common scale used to help a hurting patient access their pain so the medical personnel can treat them.

Where is your faith on this scale? Think about your answer. We will discuss it during the study. Read the last paragraph on page 136 in your book to help you decide where you are.

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Book Text: Chapter 6, pages 138-165

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to “see Him who is invisible”?

2. What does seeing God in all things lead to?

3. List the 8 things we can do to help us “see” Him in the middle of trials and tragedies:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

4. The ability to “stand still” in a crisis can *only* come from *trusting* God! Read the definition of “flight-or-flight,” a human reaction to a stressful situation:

“Stress response (fight-or-flight response) - The stress response is the set of physical and emotional changes the human body makes in response to a threat or stress. It sometimes is called the "fight-or-flight" response. In a stressful situation, the body releases chemicals that trigger: Increased heart rate and blood pressure. Rapid breathing. Increased sweating. A sudden rush of strength. Slowed digestion. Dilated pupils.” (WebMd.com)

At times, this response is vital such as in an accident, emergency, or any other life-threatening situation. Look up the following verses:

Exodus 14:14, Deuteronomy 1:29-31, Psalm 46:10,

There are many instances in our lives where God wants us to remain still and let Him fight for us. Share on the next page, a situation where God fought for you and all you had to do was to be still:

5. Read Philippians 4:19. Look up the following words in a regular dictionary and then in a Bible reference or dictionary. Compare their definitions:

supply:

Definition: _____

Biblical: _____

need:

Definition: _____

Biblical: _____

riches:

Definition: _____

Biblical: _____

6. Read Genesis chapter 16, the story of Hagar. Hagar was a slave, a foreigner in an unfamiliar land and now Sarai had commanded her to bear a child with Abraham. Hagar ran into the wilderness to escape her shame and the torturous conditions she was living under. But God was there and He comforted her and assured her that He would take care of her.

a. What did she name the well God found her by?

b. Using a dictionary or Bible reference dictionary, define the name of the well:

7. When you face discouragement and/or depression, it is important to meditate on the Word of God and remember He is always there for you. Choose a favorite verse and write it below.

Now, write your verse on an index card or piece of paper and tape it to your bathroom mirror. Choose to read it each day and “Selah” or pause and meditate.

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18

8. Realizing that God will fight for us and standing still in the midst of a painful circumstance needs to be so programmed in our soul that we neither respond with a “fight or flight” response nor react quickly. Below is an outline of the Old Testament book of Habakkuk.

Habakkuk chapter 1

The wickedness of the land. The fearful vengeance to be executed.
These judgments to be inflicted by a nation more wicked than themselves.

Habakkuk chapter 2

Habakkuk must wait in faith.
Judgments upon the Chaldeans.
Also upon drunkenness and idolatry.

Habakkuk chapter 3

The prophet beseeches God for his people.
He calls to mind former deliverances.
His firm trust in the Divine mercy.

The above outline can also be applied to trials and crisis situations in our lives. What are the 4 things Habakkuk did to endure his trial?

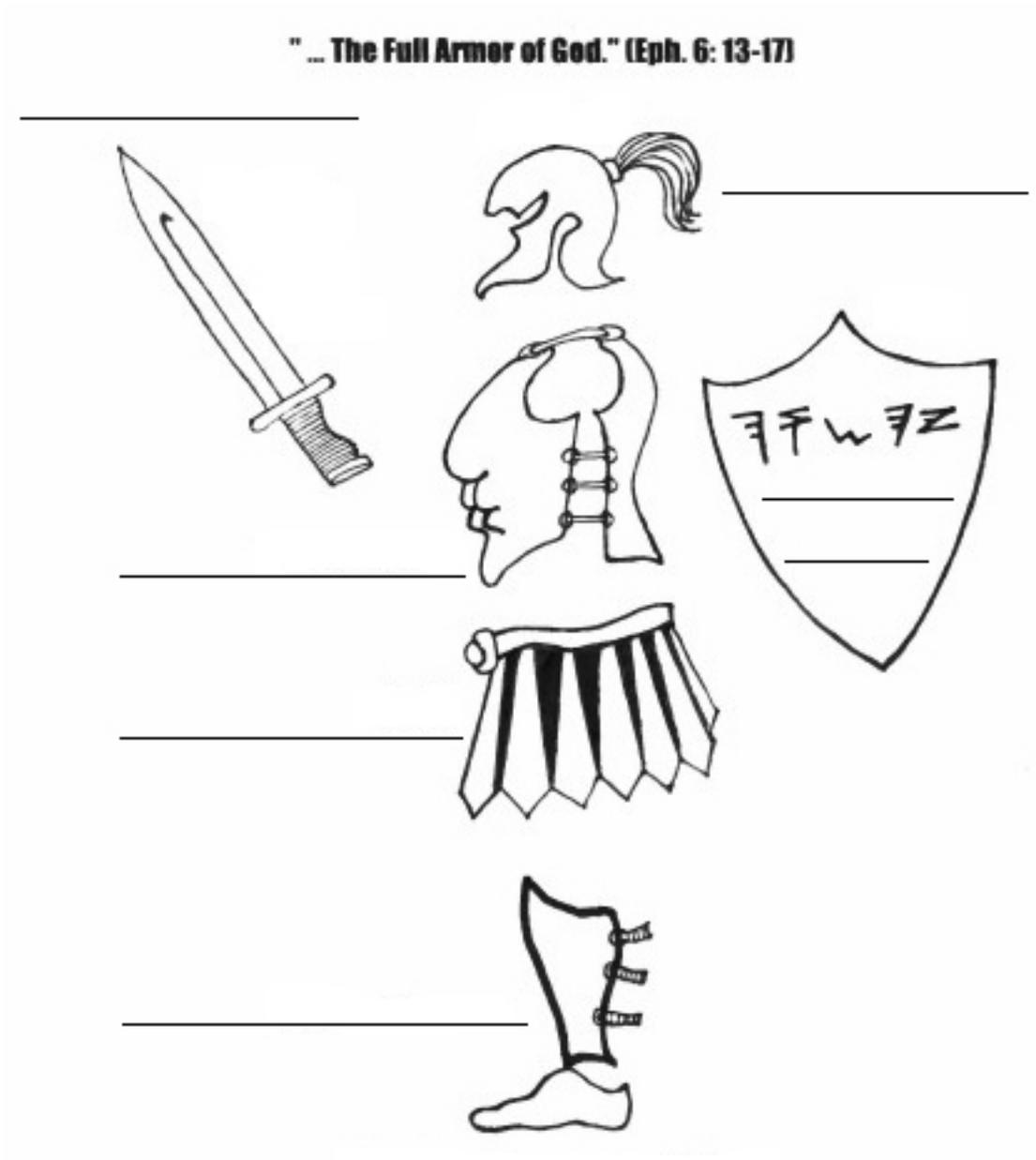
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

9. Remember, the warfare we endure is not physical combat with the enemy, but spiritual. Although we are all very familiar with the “armor of God,” let’s take another refresher by labeling the graphic below:



10. Silly as it may seem, this simple graphic will place the armor of God in the forefront of our minds. “Never Give Up” the battle by trying to win it on your own. God will fight for you. All the elements of this armor are of God—not man. On page 164 of your book is a prayer. Start by praying this prayer as often as you can. Will you allow Him to do what He needs to do in your life? Are you willing to “yield” to His directions and commands?

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Book Text: Chapter 7, pages 166-189

QUESTIONS:

1. Review the 8 steps in the Lord’s cycle of trust on page 35 of your book. List each one below to refresh your mind:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

2. Read Hebrews 4:14-16.

a. What does verse 15 tell us about Jesus?

b. What does verse 16 tell us about Jesus?

3. Write a short poem, 5-10 lines, based on Hebrews 4:14-16.

4. Take the 8 progressions of events on page 170 of your book and describe how God worked in your own life, using the same events.

5. How can you react “supernaturally” to a trial rather than responding with emotions and feelings?

6a. We cannot die to ourselves without _____.

6b. God’s will is to _____

so He can _____.

7. Why does God allow suffering in our lives?

8. A “faith choice” is also a _____.

9. How is a faith choice different from making choices based on what we feel, think, and desire?

10. Read Psalm 91, given to you on a sheet at the start of this study. Pick a verse that ministers to you, write it below and memorize it. Be prepared to share it at our next group study meeting.

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Book Text: Chapter 8, pages 190-216

QUESTIONS:

1. List the “blessings” that result from following God’s cycle of trust:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

2. Fill in the blanks:

*“Obedience produces _____, which gives us
_____, which results in _____.”*

3. How does God show He will be faithful to us?

1. _____
2. _____

4. Explain “overcoming faith”.

5a. Write your name in the blanks and read this verse to yourself.

“I am come that _____ might have life, and that
_____ might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10b

5b.Explain “abundant life.”

6. Define the Greek word “agape” using a standard dictionary “or” a Biblical Dictionary.

7a. Fill in the blanks below:

“Intimacy is where God _____, _____ and
_____ with us, and we, in turn, _____,
_____ and _____ Him.”

7b. How do we learn this kind of intimacy?

8. How does enduring trials help us to love others?

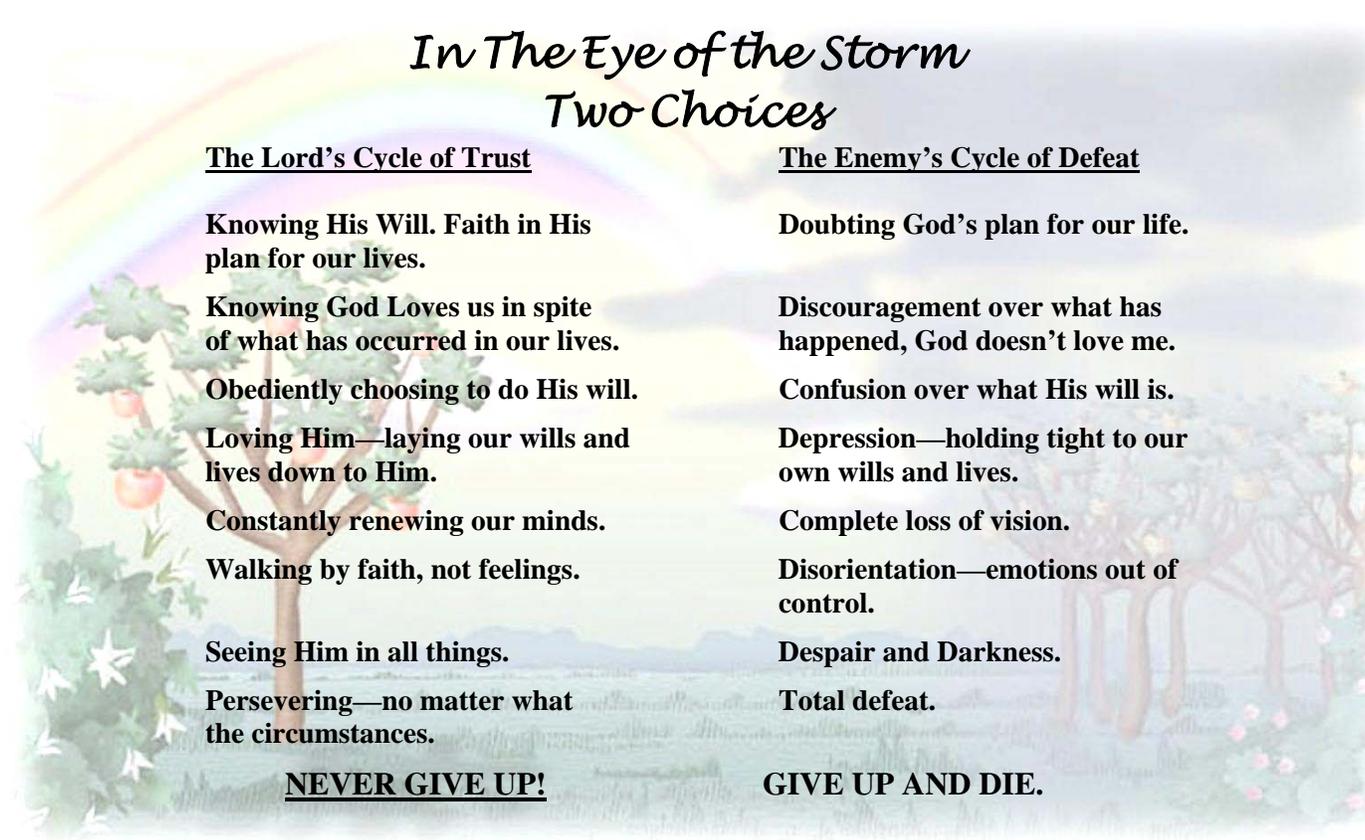
9a. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3. How has a trial that you have gone through allowed you to comfort someone else?

9b. Was the trial you endured worth the comfort you gave to another?

“My worth to God in public is what I am in private.” Oswald Chambers

10a. How does the quote above relate to being truthful and transparent?

10b. Why should you “*Never Give Up*” during the trials and tribulations of life?



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Knowing His Will. Faith in His plan for our lives.

Knowing God Loves us in spite of what has occurred in our lives.

Obediently choosing to do His will.

Loving Him—laying our wills and lives down to Him.

Constantly renewing our minds.

Walking by faith, not feelings.

Seeing Him in all things.

Persevering—no matter what the circumstances.

NEVER GIVE UP!

The Enemy's Cycle of Defeat

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Confusion over what His will is.

Depression—holding tight to our own wills and lives.

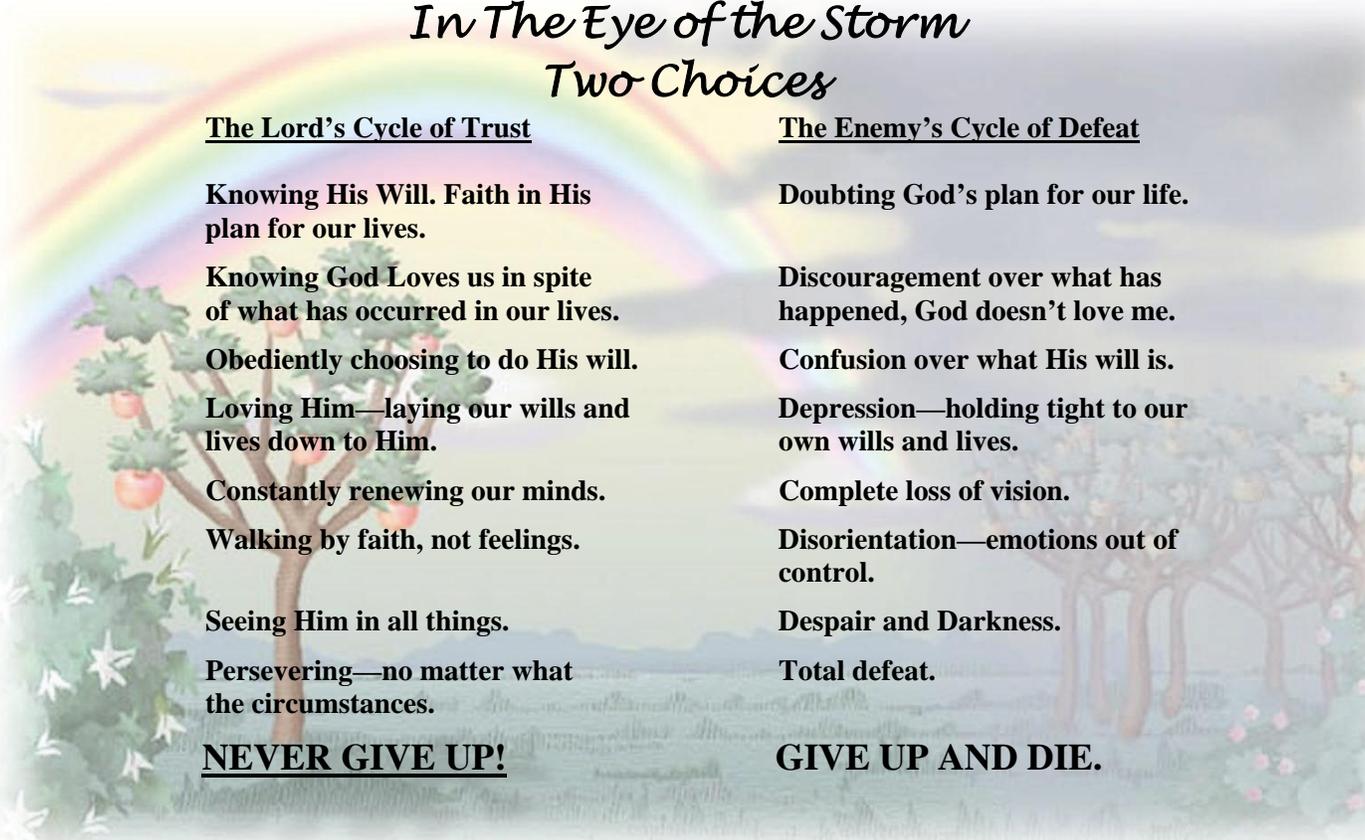
Complete loss of vision.

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