

## **Life Isn't Always Rainbows and Unicorns Killing the Fairy Tale**

**Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.**

### **1. Do not let problems surprise you. Become unshakable by walking with God.**

For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. **Matthew 5:45b NLT**

The Father is with me. I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." **John 6:33 MSG**

### **2. View your problems as a test to be passed.**

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. **James 1:2-4 MSG**

#### **2 Tests:**

##### **a. The Pressure test.**

"...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." **Psalm 50:15 ESV**

##### **b. The People test.**

"But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence... 'he human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?'" **Jeremiah 17:7,9 NLT**

"...those who hope in Me will not be disappointed." **Isaiah 49:23b NIV**

### **3. The bigger the promise (land) the bigger the testing.**

...God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna.. to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land...a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing...Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God. **Deuteronomy 8:2-11 NIV**