

# HOW WE'RE GETTING THROUGH

How to Get Through What You're Going Through Rick and Kay Warren

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort . . . our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced . . . We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered . . . we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your pravers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (NIV)

WHAT YOU IS WHAT GETS YOU THROUGH

### 1. LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. BUT WE CAN HAVE PEACE BECAUSE WE KNOW

### GOD PROMISES:

"When you go through deep waters, <u>I will be with you</u>. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up: the flames will not consume you." Isaiah 43:2 (NLT)

"I will never leave you and I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5 (NLT)

"Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible. I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands." Isaiah 49:15-16 (NLT)

### 2. EVERYTHING ON EARTH IS BROKEN, BUT WE CAN HAVE JOY BECAUSE WE KNOW

"The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God's instructions, violated his laws, and broken his everlasting covenant. Therefore . . . the earth has broken up. It has utterly collapsed; it is violently shaken." Isaiah 24:5-19 (NLT)

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

"We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts." Romans 5:3-5 (NCV)

## 3. LIFE IS A BATTLE, BUT WE CAN HAVE HOPE BECAUSE WE KNOW

"We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do. we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again . . . because we know that God raised the Lord back to life. And just as God raised Jesus, he will also raise us back to life. Then he will bring us into his presence together." 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 14 (CEV)

"Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength." 1 Corinthians 15:43 (NLT)

"So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

"He will wipe every tear from their eves. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

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