



I'll Never Give You More Than You Can Handle

Introduction

It's far too easy to live in an echo chamber by only hearing the views, opinions, and news that you agree with. It's a skewed relationship with the world. The same can happen with our relationship with God. We make assumptions, put words in his mouth, and believe lies. Worse yet, if your God always agrees with you, it may just be yourself that you're worshipping. Confront the lies and discover what Things God Didn't Say.

Pray

Don't forget that if anything significant happens, it's because God moved. Start by asking God to bless this time.

Practice Truth

1. Have you ever received bad spiritual advice? What was it?
2. Have you ever had so many things go wrong that all you could do was laugh? What happened?
3. What was the context when Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"? How does knowing the context inform our understanding of the saying?
4. What are some reasons God might have for not shielding us from all pain and suffering?
5. How do you know that your faith is genuine? See 1 Peter 1:6-7 for reference.
6. What are some benefits of a faith that's been tested?

Leader's Tip

If someone in your group is dominating the conversation, try saying something like, "Let's hear from someone who hasn't shared yet."

Do Life Together

What are some ways you can start embracing trials as opportunities to strengthen your faith?