



Pastor Doug Wilson • BETHANY - A PLACE OF NEW BEGINNINGS
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1. When life is hard, ask, is there anything God wants me to _____?

■ **Only one thing gets us through tough times: RELATIONSHIP!**

JOHN 17:3 (NIV)

Now *this is eternal LIFE*: that they **KNOW YOU**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

2. When life is a struggle, there are 3 kinds of _____ we need in our lives.

a. _____.

HEBREWS 13:7 (TNIV)

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of **THEIR WAY OF LIFE** and **imitate** their faith.

b. _____.

¹ CORINTHIANS 4:16-17 (TNIV)

¹⁶ Therefore I urge you to **imitate** me.

¹⁷ For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord.

He will remind you of **MY WAY OF LIFE in Christ Jesus**, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

c. _____.

PHILIPPIANS 4:9 (TNIV)

Whatever you have **learned** or **received** or **heard** from me, or **seen** in me —

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.

And the God of peace will be with you.

3. When times are challenging, we need _____.

DEUTERONOMY 8:2 (TNIV)

REMEMBER HOW THE LORD YOUR 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.

a. **Looking** _____ (“Remember how...these forty years”)

b. **Looking** _____ (“Remember...in the wilderness”)

c. **Looking** _____ (“Remember how the LORD your God LED YOU all the way”)

d. **Looking** _____ (“to humble and test you . . . in order to know what was in your heart”)

e. **Looking** _____ (“Bethany Exists to Love!”)

JEREMIAH 3:15

Then I will give you shepherds **after my own heart,**

who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.

EZEKIEL 34:3-4, 16 & ZECHARIAH 11:16 (PARAPHRASED)

³ I will raise up shepherds

who **will take care of the flock** —

⁴ “strengthen the weak, heal the sick, bind up the injured, **bring back the strays and search for the lost...and care for the lost, seek the young,** heal the injured, and feed the healthy.”