Most of us own at least one of the greatest resources available to help us through life's trials, that being the Word. It is the very wisdom of God for our lives.

The Book of Psalms is rich with promises of the faithfulness of God in times of trial and suffering.

Read: Ps. 9:9; Ps. 18:2; Ps. 28:7; Ps. 32:7; Ps. 37:39; Ps. 42:11; Ps 73:26; Ps. 91:10 & 11; Ps. 126:5 & 6; Ps. 138:7

Isaiah 43:2 tells us, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

These passages do not promise an absence of trials, but they do promise that God will not fail us when we do have troubles.

How do these passages from God's Word make you feel about walking through trials? How do we internalize these promises?

This brings us to the second resource that gets us through trials, Prayer-that direct line to God and his wisdom.

James 1:5 tells us "if we lack wisdom, we should ask God who gives generously to all," but we must not doubt for then we are double-minded and should not expect to receive that for which we asked.

Proverbs 3:5 & 6 tells us to "trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding. If we acknowledge him in all our ways, he will direct our paths."

Read Mark 9:23. Ps. 91:15, John 16:33 In what ways will these passages enable you to face your tirals? August 7, 2016

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## Ask God for Wisdom

Proverbs 2:6 Proverbs 24:14

Ask in Faith

Hebrews 13:6-9 Mark 9:19-27

**Consider Your Position** 

1Sa 2:8 Re 2:9

**Consider the Future** 

Matt 10:22 Gal 6:9