2 Corinthians 4:7-10

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"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond to it." Charles R. Swindoll



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1. Through supernatural means (v7) "But we have these treasures in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us ."

TO FIGHT BY NATURAL MEANS IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER.



2. **Through reality-check (v8-9)** The pessimists are those governed by fear. They see difficulties in every opportunity. The optimist are those governed by faith. They see opportunities in every difficulty.



- 3. Through honouring the death of Christ in your life (v10)
- God is here, but where are we, in times of suffering?
- What are we saying? Whom or what are we believing?
- Whom are we depending on?
- What hope carries us through?
- What knowledge guides us?



a) Sing – (Psalm 59:16-17)





b) Cry to the Lord – (Psalm 107:13-14)







3) Follow the example of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:19)



4) Cast your cares to the Lord. (1Peter 5:7)



5) Let God deal with it. God promised:

a) Deliverance for those who suffer (Psalm 34:19).
b) Judgement for the wicked (Mal. 3:5)



Heavenly Father:

I come before you in faith. I confess that I am a sinner, and I need you. I repent of my sins and ask your forgiveness. I acknowledge that the work of Jesus Christ on the cross is complete and sufficient to save me from being eternally separated from you. I confess and believe with all my heart that Jesus is Lord! Jesus, come into my heart. Thank you for saving me and giving me eternal life. I welcome you Holy Spirit in my life to lead me and guide in my new walk with Jesus moment by moment. Thank you for writing my name in the Book of Life. In Jesus Name! Amen."

