

## You can't be God's fair-weather friend.



**M**OST CHRISTIANS CAN HAVE FAITH IN USUAL SITUATIONS and under normal conditions for what they expect God to do. But when everything goes wrong and seems contrary to the Word and the usual, only those with great faith can say with Job, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him” (Job 13:15). What Job was saying was, “Even though it seems like God is breaking His own Word with me, even though God kills me contrary to all His promises, I’ll *still* trust Him.”

If you’re only going to be willing to believe and obey God as long as everything goes right, you won’t be believing or obeying very much, because a lot of things can seem to go wrong when you’re serving the Lord. “Many are the afflictions of the righteous,” the Bible tells us, “but the Lord delivers him out of them *all*” (Psalm 34:19).—No matter how many or what they may be. So keep trusting and praising and following God, no matter what.

Trust in God, however dark your way,  
No matter what hard turns the road may take.  
Hold to His hand until the break of day,  
When in His likeness we shall then awake!<sup>1</sup>