

## **“I CAN HANDLE IT”**

### COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS:

- Most of the day to day stuff in life, I can handle.
  - But this is not God’s perspective (Is. 55:8).
  - God wants you to produce kingdom fruit each day! (Jn. 15:5)
- “God will not give you more than you can handle” (1Cor. 10:12-13).
  - This is a lie. There is nothing to biblically support this assertion.
  - This is a faith-buster. It is based on human strength and endurance and human resources.
  - When we believe this;
    - What happens when life becomes too hard or overwhelming?
      - The goal becomes survival or escape.
    - What happens when God challenges us beyond our resources?
      - We abandon the faith assignment of God or we simply “do our best”.

### A BIBLICAL VIEWPOINT:

- When you just “handle” the day to day stuff of life, it does not honor God.
  - When we produce fruit it glorifies God (Jn. 15:8)
  - What does God mean by fruit? (Gal. 5:22-23; Phil. 1:11)
- God regularly gives us trouble & difficulties that are more than we can handle (Ps. 40:1-2; 42:5-7; 55:1-7; 61:1; 69:1-3; Mt. 8:23-25; 26:36-38; 2Cor. 1:8-9).
  - We can “handle” or “manage” our troubles, but we will not produce Godly fruit. We can survive, but so can anyone else. We can run from our difficulties, but so can others.
  - God wants us trust Him and ask Him how to handle our troubles and produce godly fruit in the midst of our troubles.

- God regularly sends faith challenges that are too big for us to fulfill with our resources (Gen. 17:15-17; Ex. 17:3-4; Nu. 11:10-15; Mt. 10:5-10; 14:15-17; 18:21-22; 28:19).
  - “Doing our best” is not God’s way, it is mixing our ways with His.
  - The world does not need to see what we can do, but people desperately need to witness what God can accomplish through us.
  - When you believe that God can’t do anything of significance through you, you have said more about your belief in God than you have indicated about yourself (Blackaby).

#### A BETTER WAY:

- Consider the everyday “stuff” of life an opportunity to partner with God and be fruitful.
- Continually ask God for wisdom and strength to do it His way.
  - “Apart from Me you can do nothing”