



**Discussion Guide**  
*A Strategy for Struggle*  
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**Starter** Have you ever felt confident about a plan but it didn't go the way you expected? (For example, a group project that went wrong, a relationship that became complicated, or even an errand that fell apart.) How did you respond in that moment? Did you react or have a plan for a possible setback?

**Sermon Summary**

Most of us have a plan for success, but few of us know how to walk with God when life gets hard. This message reveals how to build a faith that doesn't fade by anchoring our lives in God's Word, trusting Him through His process, and choosing an eternal perspective even in our struggles.

**ACT**

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God's teaching you.

**A (Action):** Mark important ideas with an "A" to remind you to take action.

**C (Contemplate):** Use a "C" to mark ideas you want to process further.

**T (Transfer/Teach):** If it's something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a "T."

**Read**

What do these Scriptures teach you about God's character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Ephesians 4:14–16](#)  
[Numbers 20](#)

[John 16:33](#)  
[Hebrews 11:6](#)

[Romans 12:3](#)  
[Philippians 3:13–14](#)

[Hebrews 11:8–10](#)  
[Philippians 1:21](#)

**Discuss**

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There's no need to discuss every question.

1. Where in your life do you feel unprepared for struggle and what would it look like to trust God in that area?
2. Can you identify a time when God gave you a "word" or direction? How did you respond and what did that reveal about your faith?
3. How do you typically react when God's process takes longer than you expected and what could God be trying to develop in you through it?

4. In what ways can you move from simply knowing God's Word to actively living it out this week?
5. How could your current challenges look different if you viewed them through an eternal perspective instead of a temporary one?

### **Go Deeper**

1. Study James 1:2–4. How might your current challenges be shaping your faith rather than hindering it?
2. Study 1 Peter 1:6–7. What trials in your life could God be using to refine and strengthen your faith?
3. Study 2 Corinthians 4:16–18. How would your mindset shift if you focused more on what is eternal rather than what is temporary?
4. Study Job 1. The story of Job is more about God's glory than Job's trials. How could your perspective toward your struggle change if you focused more on God's glory and less on your struggle?

### **Apply**

1. Set aside consistent time each day to read Scripture and ask, "What is God saying to me?" Write down one clear takeaway and revisit it throughout the day to help keep your faith anchored in His voice.
2. Identify a specific area where you know what God's asking you to do. Then, act on it this week. Whether it's forgiving someone, giving generously, or making a hard but right decision, let your faith be practiced through action.
3. Start a simple "faith journal" where you record the ways God has come through for you. When you face challenges, revisit those moments to strengthen your trust and keep an eternal perspective in the middle of the struggle.

### **Pray**

Here are some prayer points:

1. Pray for clarity to hear God's voice. Ask God to help you recognize His Word and direction, and to anchor your faith in what He's truly saying.
2. Pray for strength in your struggle. When life is difficult, ask God to grow your faith in Him. Ask Him to fill you with His love for you so that you can trust Him.
3. Ask God for courage to not just hear His Word but to respond with immediate and faithful obedience.
4. Pray for patience to walk through God's timing, believing He is working even when you don't see results. Ask God to shift your focus from temporary circumstances to eternal purpose, giving you hope and confidence no matter what you face.

### **Leadership Tip**

Lead with wisdom and transparency in your struggles, not just your victories. When people see how you trust God in the process—not just the outcome—you model the kind of faith that doesn't fade.