

GoDeeper



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

Preparing For Challenges | Pastor Steve Williams | 03.14.2021
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Personal Examples of Obstacles

What are examples from your life of each type of obstacle?

- Type 1: You know how to do this. It'll take hard work, but you've got a strategy.
- Type 2: You're not sure how to do this. You suspect it'll take a lot of creative thinking, persistence, grit, and digging deep.
- Type 3: You have no idea how this thing may play out and ultimately, this is beyond your ability. No matter how much hard work you put into it, it will fail.

The Bible is full of people who have faced challenges.

- Which type of challenges do you see Biblical characters facing and how do they deal with it? (Examples: Noah, Joshua, Esther, Peter, Paul)

Surrender

One of the big takeaways from this message is "Surrender is a good response to challenges, but it's a better preparation for them."

- How does surrender change our perspective when facing challenges?
- Why do we find it so difficult to surrender to God when we're facing a challenge?
 - What could make it easier?
- What's the difference between surrender as a response to challenges vs as preparation?
- In the message, Pastor Steve Williams said: "It's easy to identify the thing you haven't surrendered, it's the thing you're worrying about the most." How is this true or false in your life?



Obstacles Together

How is this picture an example of how Christians can help each other over obstacles?

Application

Which of these types of prayer do you find yourself praying more often? Why?

- The Worry Prayer: Focusing on what's wrong: "God, please fix _____ for me today."
- The Surrender Prayer: Focusing on change & growth: "God, I surrender _____ to You today ... show me what You're teaching me through this surrender."

What is one practical application of this message for you this week?