Bumps In The Road

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INTRODUCTION

- Think of a time in your life that you said, Wow, did this really happen to me again? Why is this happening to me?
- Life is like a highway. No matter what they say, the construction is never finished. There's always going to be bumps in the road and detours every now and then.
- We're going to have many bumps in the road during our lifetime as Christians. Even if it's a small one all the way to a big one.

1 Daniel in the Lion's Den

- Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him.
- We shall not find any charge against Daniel unless we find it against him concerning his God.
- When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home in his upper room with his windows open toward Jerusalem. He knelt down and prayed.
- We've got to be like Daniel and stand fast. Yes, we are sinners. But we've got to keep our hearts strong.

2 The Scattered Christians

Acts 8:1–4

- Stephen stood up for what he believed in. He had his faith in God. He loved Jesus, and he told them exactly what it was.
- As for Saul, he continued to make havoc of the church. Entering every house and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.
- Therefore, those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.
- No matter what the government says, if this goes against God's word, we've got to stick with God's word.

3 Simon the Sorcerer and the Bump in the Road

Acts 8:9–21

- Then Simon himself also believed, and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.
- He was amazed at Philip's power and wanted the same thing for the wrong reason.
- His heart was wrong, brethren. It was a bump in the road. Peter rebuked him and instructed him to repent for his wickedness.
- Does our heart get kind of greedy sometimes also?

4 The Apostle Paul

2 Corinthians 11:23–28

- Five times he received 40 stripes minus one. If you receive 40 stripes, would you keep your faith?
- Three times beaten with rods. Just think about those rods that they beat him with for preaching Christ.
- Three times he was shipwrecked. We complain about our car getting broke down.
- It's tiring, but listen to the Apostle Paul. And he continued preaching the word also.
- Besides the other thing that comes upon me daily, my deep concern for all the churches.

5 It's What You Do About It

- He says, it's not what happens to you in life that counts, it's what you do about it.
- That statement has stuck with me for over 20 years, since 1991.
- We're going to have those family problems where we may have a loved one that has fallen away from the faith.
- We all have them. It's just a matter of how we handle those health problems.
- We're going to have those heart problems also where that sin comes in. Where we fall down at those times, but yet we pick ourselves back up.

THE CHALLENGE

How are you going to be? Are you going to let these bumps in the road run you over? Or are you going to keep your faith and stay strong?

MY NOTES