

GOD SOMETIMES PUTS MORE BURDEN UPON US THAN WE CAN BEAR

2 Corinthians 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the hardships we encountered in the province of Asia. We were under a burden far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.

Jesus gave us the example of what to do when our burdens are greater than we can bear.

At the Cross, Jesus was working out of complete trust in God's Word with perfect faith, and with perfect obedience. Jesus had knowledge of our sin and felt the anguish of our sin being against Him. Jesus bore our sins. The Father laid on Jesus more than He could bear, but the Father was with Him through it all. Jesus died a physical death under the load of our sin against God. Every sin we commit is against God.

What do you do when you are in mental torment because of a wrong done against you? You have a choice. You can either run to God and find help in staying obedient, or you can run from God and wallow in your sin. Jesus prayed to the Father while He was at His lowest point on the Cross. Jesus prayed, "God, why have You laid on Me burdens that are greater than I can bear?" Moments later, Jesus continued to pray, "Father into Thy hands I commit my spirit," trusting in God's Word that the Father would complete the task that He had been given. Jesus never wavered in His faith that the Father was on guard doing His part of the work.

**Matthew 27:46 Luke 23:44-46 Psalm 22:1,24 Psalm 34:20 John 19:36
Isaiah 53:11 Psalm 22:24 Romans 8:3; 5:10 2 Corinthians 5:19 2 Corinthians 1:8**