

Between a Rock and a Hard Place
Keeping our Balance

When does discouragement strike?

1. When _____.

2. When _____.

3. When _____.

God has an answer for discouragement.

Psalms 27:13 (NKV) I would of lost heart unless I believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Mark 10:46-52 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

How do you keep from discouragement from pulling you under?

1. Dare to believe that _____.

Psalm 86:15 (NIV) But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

James 1:17 (NIV) Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

2. Dare to believe that _____.

3. Dare to believe that you can begin to see His _____ in the _____ of your _____.

Proverbs 29:18 Without a vision the people perish.

Bible Version Abbreviations:

NIV = New International Version NKJ = New King James