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To Jesus,

My Lord and Savior. My rock. My best friend. My Light. Thank You for the strength and grace to bring this project to completion. I declare Your victory over this book and this reader's needs.

When Jesus Makes A Path:

Discovering His Presence In The Midst Of The Hurdles

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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The Turning Point

ROMANS 5:8

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Too many of us live with unnecessary suffering. Some of the most common problems we face—anxiety, financial burden, depression, stress, fear, and others—are also the hardest to fight. The problem isn't the trial we are facing—it is thinking the obstacle can't be overcome.

Too often do we just try to make it through another day instead of attacking the issues that surround us. But it shouldn't—and doesn't have to—be that way. Your highest hurdles that prevent you from fulfilling your destiny can actually be overcome. It's time to bring it back to the basics: stop running from adversity and claim victory, not defeat. No gimmicks, no more regret, no more self-pity, and no more excuses. Regardless of your race, past, choices, or age, Jesus died to see you live a prosperous life full of victory. The turning point is now.

Your life is about to change just by realizing that you don't have to suffer anymore or carry the weight of your hurdles, and instead hand all of your problems to God and stand in tall faith that He will make a path of victory for you. He is the only true solution if you want a new life away from life's curveballs. Your new life starts with understanding who God created you to be, and by realizing that He took your place and suffered once for victory over life's stings. Get ready because your new life starts today. Can you see Jesus' victory?

Jesus didn't have to die for us, but His decision changed everything.

God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,

not only to comfort His people, not only to strengthen their faith in Him, but primarily to die on the Cross of Calvary for our sins and to destroy the work of the devil. His sacrifice granted us the freedom to pray to God and be heard. We no longer walk in darkness. Jesus came into this world and declared He was and will always be our Light. We can pray knowing He hears us. We know there is nothing out of reach for Him.

He saved us from the burden and corruption of the world. He took the weight of sin and carried it on His shoulders, freeing us from the enemy's captivity. Jesus' death was vital for us to have eternal, everlasting life with God. Only Jesus could do all of this for us. The amazing part is He didn't have to do any of it. He didn't have to die for us. He didn't have to love us. But He sees something so special in each of His children that He insisted on taking the fall for our own sin with His life. We must give Him all the glory forever because of His sacrifice.

Even when our body dies physically, we can rest

assured that we will spend eternity with our Heavenly Father. God promises us living in His Kingdom is worth every obstacle, trial, and tribulation we face in this life. There is nothing on Earth that comes close to the joy and peace of Heaven. However, God often grants us wisdom beyond this world and a small glimpse into Heaven, especially when we are enduring difficult times, to remind us of the priceless life waiting for us.

On the Cross, Jesus overcame the whole world, and all its sin, corruption, brokenness and darkness. He restored life. Even though He has the duty of holding all of us in His hands and fixing all of our problems, He still went through with God's plan for Him to die. That sure does make our problems pale in comparison to the pressure on God's shoulders: finding solutions to everyone's problems somehow. Despite this hefty task, nothing is too hard for Him. He is perfect and always wins.

Can you imagine the pressure and temptation put on Jesus at His crucifixion? He could have said it wasn't fair for Him to die. He could have avoided

the horrific pain of the piercing nails puncturing His skin. But no, He stayed confident that this was the very reason His Father sent Him: to die for us and save us from sin. The very reason He avoided that temptation was love—His love for you. He died for each and every one of us—not just a certain race, skin color, gender, sexuality, age, or size. No, Jesus died for all of us because we are all sinners, but more importantly we are all loved children of God.

Everyone deals with certain struggles, and there is no such thing as a "perfect" day. But that's okay. We weren't made to live a perfect life. As I have matured in Christ, He has taught me that problems are actually a blessing. It sounds crazy at first, but imagine a perfect life, one where you never went through a hard time. The idea itself sounds great at first, but one of the best feelings is overcoming adversity—knowing you were victorious and that no trial could defeat God. That feeling wouldn't exist in a perfect life. God gives us bumps in the road for a reason: every obstacle pulls us closer to

Him.

I thought that was untrue until I reached some of the lowest points in my life and then fully gave my life to Christ. I didn't just give Him half of my life, or just my weekends, but my entire being. My mind, body, and soul belong to The Lord—I couldn't be happier. Everything is different when you completely commit to Jesus. You feel happier, you have more energy, things seem to work out somehow, and you just feel like you are serving a true purpose in this world.

To name all of the things God has done for me is only possible for Him, but I know that He is blessing me and speaking through me right at this very second. And He is with you right now, too. He is watching you read this, and is accepting you with open arms, no matter what you have done in your past. He has drawn you to this book for a reason. He doesn't care about any of that. He accepts you for what you are inside: a masterpiece. You are wonderfully and fearfully made—The Lord said so in Psalm 139:14. So, it's one thing to hear that, but

its life-changing when you truly accept God made you just the way He wanted to. What do you think? Are you willing to give Him a chance? There will be no going back once you chose Him because nothing could compare to living in Him. Whenever you make a decision, just know God will be right there, already mapping out your new life with Him.

Some days just feel impossible, endless, and like nothing will improve. But those days do come to and end, unlike God. He will get you through those tough days. Spend those times in prayer, thanking God for getting you through this storm. There is no other feeling greater than praising and serving Him, The Father who created us all! He knew us inside and out even before we were born, and He still knows us better than we know ourselves—that's why there is no point in hiding from Him.

We should confess and share everything with Him because it shows we trust Him. Not only does He know everything about us, but He also knows every thought we think! At one particularly low point, I asked God to take my life as a living

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