

## When All Else Fails

By: Pastor Ronald Marr

Whether you want to admit it or not, are you deep down inside disappointed with God, or at least with your Christian life? Perhaps you're starting out on the Christian life and know you have much to learn, but you don't seem to be getting your prayers answered. More likely you've tried various ways to find a victorious Christian walk, and they don't seem to work.

You've surrendered your life and will to God. You've spent much time in prayer. You've learned to worship God. You've sought after Him, longing to know-Him more intimately. You've tried to live in rest and peace in the Lord. You've sought to accept everything as from Him for your eternal good regardless of the pain. You've tried not to live by your feelings but by faith alone.

If you haven't sought to do these, you should. All of them may be vital stepping stones along the road to spiritual maturity. I have pamphlet messages on all of them and more. Request them by subject as you need.

You'll also find help on all of them in my book, **"A Christianity That Really Works"**.

Now, I want to try again to lead you delightfully in the path of truth.

But there are no words adequate to convey this truth. I can only give my mind and your understanding to God to lead, and enable as He will.

Your goal is to be contentedly trusting in Him no matter what. Start by constantly asking God for anything, everything, physical and temporal, spiritual and eternal that's good for yourself and others.

## Tears

By: Pastor Ronald Marr

God has granted me a blessing I'm not sure He has granted to all.

Tears!

I'm sure that  
**Sometimes**  
I've misinterpreted their meaning.  
**Sometimes**  
I've made too much of them.  
**Sometimes**  
I've equated them  
to being in God's special presence.  
**And even now**  
I'm not sure that's always amiss.

But, whatever they do signify, they're intensely meaningful to me, intensely helpful.

When the tears flow  
as I seek the Lord in love,  
I feel like  
**something good is happening**  
in my relationship with God  
**... something encouraging.**  
**something intensely satisfying.**

I don't want to tell anyone they should share in my blessing of tears.

**I certainly don't want to set anyone  
on a quest for tears  
as a sign of something ... anything.**

All I can say is that for me they're a great

## Sin and Seeking

By: Pastor Ronald Marr

Sooner or later as we seek God, we will find our failures becoming an issue between us and God. I said failure deliberately. For sometimes we have difficulty determining the difference between our human failure and specific sin.

There are sins that by God's grace we can repent of and forsake once for all. Among these are failures we had never before recognized as sins.

God reveals them to us, we verify from the Word, our consciences, and, perhaps, godly friends or counselors that they are, indeed, sins for us at this time.

These are relatively easily dealt with. And our quick and willing obedience gives us real joy in the Lord, and encouragement in our walk with Him.

We may also have failures not so readily defined as sins. These may not be major concerns to many people. If we can honestly treat them as we do sins and forsake them at once, the same benefits will be ours. If we can't, we may find them besieging our consciences and hindering our seeking the Lord.

They then may fall into another category, what we sometimes call besetting sins. These are things that we can view as no less than failures, perhaps even sins that, no matter how many times we promise to change, we return to repeatedly.

If we're not careful, we may find them leading us to reduce our time with the Lord, and even ultimately to terminate our seeking Him.

**God help us not to allow this to happen.**

If ever we need to seek His face, it is at such a time.

We need to look squarely at ourselves and God. Let Him show us the reality of the situation, and, if we have failed Him or even sinned, let us remember that we will be always failing our God to a greater or lesser extent. Ask His forgiveness. Accept and receive His forgiveness and love. Return to living in Him and His righteousness imputed so fully and freely to us by His grace through His redemption and atonement applied to our sin and our need.

So we accept God's grace and mercy for the undeserving sinners we are, and rest in His peace, constantly desiring Him either to change our understanding of the issue or enable us to forsake the matter at stake.

**What we must not do is live in killing guilt.**

*"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." - I John 1:7*

*Write to us and request more copies to share.  
Sin and Seeking*

*Transformed Living Messages by Pastor Marr  
ChristLife  
PO Box 1033, Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Ph: (716) 622-7320  
E-mail: [Christlife@Christ-like.net](mailto:Christlife@Christ-like.net)  
Visit us at [www.Christ-like.net](http://www.Christ-like.net)*

blessing and encouragement in the Lord.

**And without them I am saddened.  
I grieve as for a very best friend.**

In fact, I may never have felt anything more sharply than I have the loss of the sense of seeking or experiencing something of God's presence ... and the tears that for me are so vital a part of it all.

May I never again  
be long deprived of them, I pray.  
If I am, may I gladly accept it  
as a part of God's working  
all things for my good.

At the same time,  
may I apply my heart, mind,  
and spirit fully to seeking,  
no, not tears, but God Himself lovingly, wor-  
shipfully, restfully, peacefully, quietly, even  
silently.

And be glad when He graciously grants the  
blessing of tears.

*Write to us and request more copies to share.  
Tears*

*Transformed Living Messages by Pastor Marr  
ChristLife  
PO Box 1033, Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Ph: (716) 622-7320  
E-mail: [Christlife@Christ-like.net](mailto:Christlife@Christ-like.net)  
Visit us at [www.Christ-like.net](http://www.Christ-like.net)*

Expect Him to want to give you every little thing that's good for you and others. Expect yourself to be a sinner, a failure, hopeless, disappointed, then to feel sorry for yourself, even angry with God.

But, you must seek never to be long saddened or discouraged. God Is always on your side, working your good for your benefit and His praise. It's OK no matter how un OK it seems, in whatever dimension. "Whatever will be, will be."

You can always rest easy in Him, even when He seems to desert you. To get to this place of accepting where you and God are right now as enough for right now, turn to Him quickly whenever needed.

As soon and as much as possible, be quiet with God, stop struggling, let go. Be content, even if you aren't. Be frequently thankful to Him.

Let words like absolute trust, patience, willingness, acceptance, waiting, might, caring, limitless love, endless grace, or just a glance at God, mean what they may, or nothing.

Seek to put every new thing in His hands as it arises. ***Your goal is to be contentedly trusting in Him no matter what.***

*Write to us and request more copies to share.  
When All Else Fails*

*Transformed Living Messages by Pastor Marr  
ChristLife  
PO Box 1033, Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Ph: (716) 622-7320  
E-mail: [Christlife@Christ-like.net](mailto:Christlife@Christ-like.net)  
Visit us at [www.Christ-like.net](http://www.Christ-like.net)*