

## OVERCOMING GREAT OBSTACLES

### INTRODUCTION

“Well, I don’t know what will happen now. We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn’t matter with me now. Because I’ve been to the mountaintop. And I don’t mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I’m not concerned about that now. I just want to do God’s will. And He’s allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I’ve looked over. And I’ve seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I’m happy, tonight. I’m not worried about anything. I’m not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the LORD.” These are the words of Martin Luther King Jr. less than 24 hours before he was assassinated.

How did he gain the courage to stand in the face of his trial?

**Memory Verse:** Luke 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

### BIBLE LESSON

In our lives, we will face great obstacles to our faith. Worry engulfs us. We wonder about what to do next. We try to deal with our emotions and act according to the faith God has given us. Sometimes our emotions get the better of us. How can we go through **this** trial? **This lesson teaches us that there is a way through the obstacle.** Jesus Himself faced His greatest test going to Calvary. We look at His example today to glean insight in overcoming great obstacles.

Jesus took friends to help Him face His greatest trial. Matthew 26:31-38

Jesus prayed to the Father fervently, giving His sorrow to the Father. Matthew 26:39-40, Luke 22:41-43

Jesus prayed repeatedly to the Father, and God strengthened Him. Matthew 26:41-46, Luke 22:44-46

Others had great tasks to perform. God strengthened them as well. Joshua 1:1-9, Acts 4:15-31

### APPLICATION

Has a friend helped you face an obstacle in your life? Discuss.

Are your prayers different inside a trial? Discuss.

List the steps Jesus took to overcome his trial. Adopt them in yours.