

Consider it pure joy, my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,
because you know that the testing of your faith
develops perseverance. James 1:2-3 (NIV)

God often puts us in situations that are
too much for us so that we will learn
that no situation is too much for him.
- Erwin W. Lutzer

God promises a safe landing but not a calm passage.
- anonymous

Here's a song about problem solving...actually, about the ways too many of us go about solving our problems. The suggestion I make is that it would be easier, for both your physical and spiritual health, to put the boxing gloves down and use the power of prayer.

Nobody Tried to Pray

by Jeffrey Robert Smith

VERSE 1: It's the usual suspects on a usual day:
Someone stepped out of line, and someone wouldn't give way.
They tried assertin', avertin', and just plain hurtin',
But nobody tried to pray.

VERSE 2: Some folks do all their talkin' at the length of an arm;
'Cause the answer to some is just to cause someone harm.
With abusin', confusin'; and even bruisin',
And nobody tried to pray.

CHORUS: Now when the trials of life are upon you,
Don't underestimate the power of prayer.
At least, you're speaking your mind in a way that is kind;
And you'll be asking Somebody Who cares.
Now, when you think that you're winnin' the battle,
But you just might be losing the war....
Well, you could use some advice: just say a prayer, once or twice,
Because it's safe, and it heals you more.

VERSE 3: It's the usual suspects, and the usual fight;
Maybe nobody's wrong, and maybe nobody's right.
They tried waiting, and hating,negotiating,
But nobody tried to pray.

VERSE 4: There's a family in a crisis, some bad things were said;
When they could have debated, they just argued instead.
They tried huffin', and puffin', and pillow stuffin',
But nobody tried to pray.

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VERSE 5: It's a world of confusion, and a world up in arms;

Instead of looking for peace, we're mostly looking to harm.

We've tried talkin', balkin', backstepping and walkin'

But nobody's tryin' to pray.

VERSE 6: Now, those folks in the Bible, they could have been right....

You know, they listened to Jesus, and they kept Him in sight.

They tried prayin', conveyin'. Now, what they're sayin',

Is you're better off tryin' to pray.

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Don't underestimate the power of prayer.

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And you'll be asking Somebody Who cares.

Now, when you think that you're winnin' the battle,

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Well, you could use some advice: just say a prayer, once or twice,

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Repeat: Instead of casting the stone, why don't you try what you've known?

A prayer for peace will always heal you more.

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