

# Transformers Transformed by Music

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When God Throws You A Curve Ball

—Intro—“I have always felt that although someone may defeat me, and I strike out in a ball game, the pitcher on the particular day was the best player. But I know when I see him again, I’m going to be ready for his curve ball. Failure is a part of success. There is no such thing as a bed of roses all your life. But failure will never stand in the way of success if you learn from it.” -Hank Aaron

—How do you deal with difficult times?

—Three Typical Responses:

- **Resign to the pain** Come into a state of drifting in it. A defensive, fatalistic view, “If I don’t hope or dream anymore I won’t get hurt.”
- **Avoid it** Living in a state of perpetual denial.
- **Self-inflicted pain** In an attempt to control pain, you kill the good things in your life before they have a chance to turn bad leaving you in a continuous state of hopelessness.

—How should we as Christians deal with difficult times?

—Discussion Song—”Walk by Faith” Jeremy Camp

Would I believe you when you say  
Your hand will guide my every way  
Will I receive the words You say  
Every moment of every day

Well I will walk by faith  
Even when I cannot see  
Well because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me

Help me to win my endless fears  
You've been so faithful for all my years  
With the one breath You make me new  
Your grace covers all I do

yeah, yeah , yeah, yeah, ya

Well I'm broken- but I still see Your face  
Well You've spoken- pouring Your words of grace

Well hallelujah, hallelu  
(I will walk by faith)  
Well hallelujah, hallelu  
(I will walk by faith)

I will walk, I will walk, I will walk by faith  
I will, I will, I will walk by faith

—Is there any part of this song that really speaks to you about what to do during hard times?

—What does scripture teach us about hard times?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 1:3-9)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:1)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 2:9-10, Genesis 50:20)

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 46:1-3, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Peter 5:6-7)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:32-35, Matthew 27:45-47, Mark 15:39)

—Jeremy Camp's Story

—Closing Song "I Still Believe" Jeremy Camp

Scattered words and empty thoughts  
seem to pour from my heart.  
I've never felt so torn before.  
Seems I don't know where to start.  
But it's now that I feel Your grace fall like rain  
From ev'ry fingertip, washing away my pain

**Chorus**

'Cause I still believe in Your faithfulness.  
'Cause I still believe in Your truth.  
'Cause I still believe in Your holy Word.  
Even when I don't see, I still believe.

Well, the only place I can go is into Your arms  
Where I throw to You my feeble prayers.  
Well, in brokenness I can see that this was Your  
will for me.  
Help me to know that You are near, yeah,

'Cause I still believe  
'Cause I still believe  
'Cause I still believe  
'Cause I still believe  
I still believe.

Though the questions still fog up my mind  
with promises I still seem to bear,  
Or even when answers slowly unwind,  
It's my heart I see you prepare.  
But it's now that I feel your grace fall like rain  
From ev'ry fingertip, washing away my pain.

Heal me, O Lord, and I will  
be healed. Save me, O  
Lord, and I will be saved,  
for you are the one I praise.

Jeremiah 17:14