



SPECIAL WITNESS

# What can we do when hard things happen to us?

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The members of the  
Quorum of the Twelve  
Apostles are special  
witnesses of Jesus  
Christ.

We were not sent by Father in Heaven  
just to be born. We were sent to endure  
and to return to Him with honor.



As we put our faith in the Lord and keep  
our focus on the eternities, we will be  
blessed to be able to accept whatever  
trial we are given.



There is nothing that we are enduring  
that Jesus does not understand, and  
He waits for us to go to our Heavenly  
Father in prayer.



If we will be obedient and if we are diligent,  
our prayers will be answered, our problems  
will diminish, and we will be close to the  
Lord and feel of His love and of the comfort  
of the Holy Ghost.



Life on earth, as we know it, is only tempo-  
rary, and, if we endure it well, the Lord has  
promised us: "And, if you keep my command-  
ments and endure to the end you shall have  
eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all  
the gifts of God" (D&C 14:7).



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