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SOMETIMES WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE SAYS THINGS THAT IT REALLY DOES NOT SAY,
FOR EXAMPLE, **THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY:**

**“God will never put on you
more than you can _____!”**

2 Corinthians 1:8-9, NIV - ⁸We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

“...we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength...” - ESV

“...we were excessively crushed and driven beyond our power of endurance...” - ISV

“...crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure...” - NLT

“...for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself...” - NRSV

“...pressed beyond measure...” - PME

2 Corinthians 1:8-9, KJV - ⁸For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble [lit., “pressing”] which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, [ILL of the donkey “pressed beyond measure”] above strength, insomuch that we despaired [ATR: “Utterly destitute of resources to sustain life”] even of life: ⁹But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.

What the Bible Does Say

Based 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

1. There will be _____.

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James 1:2, NASB95 - ²Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,...

John 16:33, ESV (Jesus said) - *In this world you will have tribulation.*

2. There will be an _____ to suffering.

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A Theology of Suffering:

A. We live in a “fallen world”. (cf., John 16:33)

B. Suffering is unrelated to our “goodness”. (Luke 13:4ff)

C. Suffering points to this fact: **“We Need Jesus!”**

“Christianity is not a vaccine that immunizes us to problems and difficulties in life.” -JKT

3. There will be _____ to our Suffering—in time.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9, TLB - ⁸ ... We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. ⁹We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. (cf., Romans 8:28)

**“It may be more than you can bear
but it’s never more than God can bear.” -JKT**

ANSWERS TO "WHAT THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY" MESSAGE

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1. TRIALS
2. INTENSITY
3. PURPOSE