

**Abundant Life Church**  
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Series: ***Flipside***  
Title: ***Stuck on Side B***

When radio DJs played vinyl records, only two songs came on a 45 RPM disc. The song to promote was on Side A, and a lesser track was on Side B, called the "flip side." If Side A for Christianity includes benefits, then Side B holds the lesser-wanted tracks.

Side A tracks are the life experiences that we want to have and enjoy.

Side B is the flipside.

In this world bad stuff happens on it's own

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why doesn't God do something immediately to make it better?

Much of the Bible is about how faith is challenged by suffering, as well as how suffering is altered by faith.

Are you feeling disappointed in what God has NOT done in your life?

Are you at the point in life where you doubt God's goodness or involvement in your life?

Ephesians 3:3-6 (NLT)

God himself revealed his mysterious plan to me. As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ. God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets. And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children.

Our short life span on earth experiencing the side B moments of life will pale in comparison to an eternity of God's riches

Having told them of riches and streets paved with gold as their inheritance, Paul prays for the church as they are going through unwanted experiences.

Ephesians 3:16-20 (NLT)

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

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God's inner strength is available to you!

Benefits of getting through side B:

1. Become a complete follower
2. Receiving fullness of life and power
3. Accomplishing more than we asked God for, or even imagined

Matthew 16:15-19 (NCV)

Then Jesus asked them, "And who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered, "You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah, because no person taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am. So I tell you, you are Peter. On this rock I will build my church, and the power of death will not be able to defeat it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; the things you don't allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows."

Acts 17:6 (NKJV)

These who have turned the world upside down have come here also.

This is a good time for us to bring to God our disappointments, our sorrows, and our hurts.