



A couple of years ago my daughters and I were hiking in Little River Canyon, near Fort Payne. The water level was so low that it looked like we had come to a river of rocks. With the water level this low it revealed many large stones and boulders and we were able to hop and jump across until we reached the other side. If you use your imagination, you might be able to envision me leaping from rock to rock like a graceful gazelle or a hopping hippo. Which image you chose rest assured it was something you would not forget soon.

In the original photo Rebekah is seen walking back to the safety of the bank of the river, (Fleeing the lumbering hippo that is so gracefully jumping on the stones). I took the picture and grunged it up a bit trying to make it look more like a sketch than a photo.

We too must walk through many rough places in our lives. Often the path we must travel is filled with obstacles, road blocks and hardships. Many we can avoid, but there are some the only way out is to walk through the difficulty. Remember we are not promised a calm passage through life's stormy waters, but a safe landing. If our main goal in life is ease and pleasure, we will never make it through the problem; we will either stop or turn back. Today, I encourage you to keep on going. Don't stop. You can make it, because what we call adversity, God calls opportunity. Keep on Walking.

### **Something to think about:**

- God could have kept Daniel out of the lions' den. . . he could have kept Paul and Silas out of jail. . . . he could have kept the three Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace. . . but God has never promised to keep us out of hard places . . . what he has promised is to go with us through every hard place, and to bring us through victoriously.

- Faith makes things possible—it does not make them easy.
- To have faith is to believe the task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- 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.
- It is trial that proves one thing weak and another strong. A house built on the sand is in fair weather just as good as if built on a rock. A cobweb is as good as the mightiest cable when there is no strain upon it.
- One's attitude toward a handicap determines its impact on his life.

Your friend, the hopping Hippo  
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