

EA EXPECT AMAZING

7 Things to *Watch For*, and *Watch Out For*

Pastor Shawn Mitchell
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Text: 1 Kings 3:16-28

I. WHEN THE HEATS ON!! COMMON REACTIONS WHEN DARK DAYS COME

1. **Worry/Burden-Bearing**

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden."

Ps. 68:19

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Ps. 55:22

2. Stress

"Hear my cry O God, give heed to my prayer... when my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the rock that is higher than I!"

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3. Weariness

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Is. 40:29,31

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"The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you, He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be discouraged"

Deut. 31:8

5. Defeat

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Prov. 3:5-6

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