

Frontline Chronicles



A Monthly Publication of All Sufficient God Church

Dear Friends & Family

January, 2025



I helped my dad and brother clean up an area of forest.



The rainbow is a reminder of God's promises (Genesis 9:13).



A winter mountain pond.

When Life Throws a Curve Ball

By Nathan D. Pietsch

In January, Dawn and I started packing to move. The owners of the ministry house where we have lived has decided to sell their property. Dawn and I had just spent the last year remodeling the guest house due to water damage. We had to repair floors, walls, and cabinets. It was our first remodel project, so we had to learn as we went. Having to move is an unexpected curve ball.

When life throws a curve ball, how should we react? There are several examples in the Scriptures of life throwing a curve ball at the Biblical characters. In Daniel 3:8-18, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were doing their jobs and serving the Lord. A curve ball came and they found themselves facing a fiery furnace. However, they trusted God even to the point of death. 1) *They did not waiver in their faith*.

In Acts 16:16-25, Paul and Silas brought freedom to a slave girl who was possessed with a spirit of divination. This resulted in them being beaten with rods, thrown into prison, and fastened in stocks. Even with this curve ball thrown at them, **2**) *they prayed and sang hymns to God*.

In Mark 5:16-20, Jesus delivered a man possessed with a legion of demons. The people in the region should have celebrated this great miracle. Instead, they demanded Jesus to leave the area. Jesus heeded their request and 3) *He carried on even when he was rejected and mistreated.*

