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BUMPS IN THE ROAD

When I was living in California for over ten years, I made trips to Oklahoma from time to time. Sometimes I would pick up I-40 at Barstow, California and take the “northern route.” Just the other side of the Texas state line on I-40 there is a really aggravating stretch of road. Almost every second there is a hard “bump” in the road for about 11 miles.

I’ve driven that road many times. When I hit that stretch I think of the contractor that built it. Could he be made to drive that road every day till it was fixed? What could be done? I don’t know the answer but I do know I don’t like that bit of road.

But that road teaches us some good lessons. It’s sort of like life. All of life isn’t smooth. We hit some rough spots; some bumps if you please. Sometimes they’re just unpleasant and other times they’re downright annoying. But just as I don’t stop when I get to that stretch of I-40, I don’t stop because of the bumps in the road.

I’d rather not have bumps, I think. But when you think about it, they’re pretty important. When you’re going through them you think of how good it will be when you get through. Then the rest of the road seems a lot smoother.

Life is lot like that. We learn to “hang on” in the bad times so we can appreciate the good.

Remember “[There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are](#)

able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

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