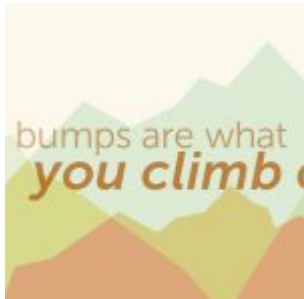


The Bumps are What You Climb On

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A little boy was leading his sister up a rather difficult mountain trail.

She complained, “Why, this isn’t a path at all, it’s all rocky and bumpy.”

Her brother replied, “Sure, the bumps are what you climb on.”

That’s a remarkable piece of philosophy. What do you do with the bumps on your path of life?

Hebrews is written to Christians who have been climbing the mountain and are weary from the bumps. The writer tells them the key to walking on the mountaintops—fix your eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1–2).

Don’t let life get you down. Don’t allow the rough pathway cause you to take a detour or rest or go back. Fix your eyes on Jesus and you will be able to climb on the bumps.

One day Charlie Brown was complaining because his team always lost their games. Lucy tried to console him by saying, “Remember, Charlie Brown, you learn more from your defeats than you do from your victories.”

And Charlie Brown replied, “That makes me the smartest man in the world!”

God puts balance into our lives—the good and the bad. The key is to not look at ourselves, our circumstance, our troubles, or the bumps in the road, but fix our eyes on Jesus and the bumps will be what we climb on! —*Steve Johnson*