

# Against All Odds

## HIS WAYS ARE ETERNAL

(Habakkuk 3:6)

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I. How do we overcome insurmountable odds and continue to home educate?

A. Recognize the spiritual battle - Ephesians 6:12-18

II. Some odds we may have to overcome - I Corinthians 10:13

A. Death - Hebrews 9:27 & Revelations 21:4.

1. Our mates.

2. Our Parents.

3. A child.

4. Extended family and or friends.

B. Stewardship - Finances - Luke 16:10-13 & Matthew 6:25-33.

1. Single income family.

2. Loss of job.

3. Decreased income.

4. Family business.

C. A large family - Psalm 127.

1. A new baby.

2. Children from preschool to high school.
- D. Illness. James 5:14-16
1. Yourself.
  2. Your mate.
  3. Extended family.
- E. Accidents - Romans 8:28, 35-39.
1. Minor non-injury types.
  2. Major catastrophic types.
- F. Disabilities - II Corinthians 12:9-10.
1. Physical.
  2. Learning.
    - a. Readiness vs. true problem.
    - b. Evaluation.
- G. Dysfunctional families - Matthew 10:34-39.
1. Alcoholism or drug addiction.
  2. Unsaved mates.
  3. Single parenting.
    - a. Alone.
    - b. Joint custody.

4. Mid-life crisis.
- H. Husbands - Titus 2:4-5, Ephesians 5:22-24, & Colossians 3:18.
1. Supportive.
  2. Non-supportive or passive.
  3. Hostile and or strongly against - I Peter 3:1-4
- I. Interruptions - II Corinthians 4:7-10.
1. Moving.
  2. Business trips and or vacations.
  3. Hospitality - I Peter 4:9 & Galatians 6:2.
    - a. Visits, planned and unplanned.
    - b. Correspondence.
    - c. Telephone calls and door bells.
- J. Me? Home school? Ephesians 3:7&8.
1. Under-educated.
  2. Feelings of inadequacy.
- K. Burnout - Galatians 6:9.
1. Fast and Pray - Matthew 6:16-18.
  2. Discover the source.
  3. Re-evaluate.

III. Recommendations - John 16:33 & Isaiah 55:8-9.

- A. Begin on our knees recognizing the source of our strength.
- B. Cut the fat not the support.
- C. Stick to the basics and keep priorities straight.

IV. Ask two basic questions. Acts 2:39.

- A. Why did I begin home educating?
- B. Is God still calling me to home educate?

V. Closing. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.

- A. *"For the Sake of the Call"* by Steven Curtis Chapman.
- B. Questions and Answers.

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**Resources:**

- 1. [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org)
- 2. NATHHAN - PO Box 310 Moyie Springs, ID 83845 - (208) 267-6246, [www.natthan.com](http://www.natthan.com) This is a national organization of parents who home school their special needs children.

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