

# WISDOM SESSION

## Sea Turtles

“Tough times don’t last, but tough people do.”

In a beach community outside of Orlando called New Smyrna Beach there’s a great campaign in the summers to save the sea turtles. There are many volunteers who help these turtles lay their eggs, keep them marked, follow them, and monitor them. One day, there were about sixteen turtle eggs that hatched right up in the dunes on the very end of the beach a long way from the water. People gathered around to watch, and children began to try and pick up the tiny little turtles and carry them into the water. The volunteer sea rangers stopped them and said these little turtles must crawl by themselves this whole strip of sand. It was pitiful to watch as they were struggling and laboring. It was like going up a huge mountain for you and me.

The rangers said, “If you help them, the turtles will die, because the minute they get to that water, they must swim four miles out to sea. And at that point, they’ll rest and then go another eight miles out to a series of islands where most of their growth will take place. If they don’t go through those tough times, their legs won’t be strong enough to get to the water and swim successfully. If you carry them, they’ll get to the water, but they’ll have no strength in their legs and they’ll perish before they even start.”

What a powerful lesson for you and me – that the tough times that we go through are, in a sense, a blessing. These “tough times” really force us to be stronger and better and the finished product that God wants us to be.

- Pat Williams

*“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.”*

*—Psalm 31:24*

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David Trent believes that wisdom comes from continually seeking to learn and grow through relationships and reading, which leads to personal development. In an effort to inspire learning in others, David Trent sends out weekly Wisdom Sessions. He recommends purchasing and reading any book source used in these Wisdom Sessions.