PREPARING FOR THE END HOLDING ON WHEN HOPE BEGINS TO FADE

How do you hold on when the circumstances around you begin to cause your hope to fade?

1Your Circumstances		
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toward one another grows <i>ever</i> greater; - 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5		
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Not only can trials grow your faith but they can prove your faith		
This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering 2 Thessalonians 1:5		
n this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; - 1 Peter 1:6-7		
• in the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater - 2 Thessalonians 1:3		
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For after all it is <i>only</i> just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and <i>to give</i> relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10		
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To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. - 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12