

Pursuing The Promises Of God

Taking Back What The Enemy Has Stolen

Many hardships and perplexing circumstances confront the righteous, But the Lord rescues him from them all. -- Psalm 78:5³ (AMP)

DAVID'S SETBACK (1 Samuel 30:1-8, 17-19) read from the NKJV

- David strengthened himself in the Lord. (verse 6)
- David inquired of the Lord. (verse 8)

'Do not fear [anything], for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, be assured I will help you; I will certainly take hold of you with My righteous right hand [a hand of justice, of power, of victory, of salvation].' -- Isaiah 85:54 (AMP)

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND WHEN LIFE HAPPENS?

1. SETTLE WITHIN YOURSELF THAT GOD HAS THE ANSWER

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. -- Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

- a. When an atmosphere of unbelief makes it difficult for you to believe God is the answer, you must seek out a different setting.
- b. Nothing is impossible or too difficult for God.

Jesus said to him, "[You say to Me,] 'If You can?' All things are possible for the one who believes and trusts [in Me]!" -- Mark 3:67 (AMP)

2. FIND OUT THE WILL OF GOD

- a. Scripture

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. -- Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

- i. Every Word of God proves true. (ref. Proverbs 30:5)
- ii. His Word will produce results. (ref. Isaiah 55:11)

- b. Invite The Holy Spirit Into The Situation

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. -- John 16:13 (NIV)

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- i. Still Small Voice
 - ii. Thoughts Will Become Clearer
 - iii. There Will Be A Strong Desire Or Passion To Respond A Certain Way
- c. Seek Counsel
- i. God Never Intended For Us To Do Life Alone.
 - ii. There Is Safety In Godly Counsel.

For by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory. -- Proverbs 68:⁰ (ESV)

3. ACT ON GOD'S DIRECTION

**Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.
-- James 5:67-69 (NIV)**

GOD'S PROMISE TO US

Not one of the good promises which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel failed; all had come to pass. -- Joshua 65:89 (AMP)