

“CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY”

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IN THE FACE OF CRISIS, GOD PROMISES VICTORY AND FULFILLMENT OF HIS PURPOSE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

John 16:33 *“I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you will have trouble, but be brave! I have defeated the world.”* (NCV)

Rom. 8:28-29 *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son.* (NLT)

Jacob’s Crisis of Fear Leads to Victory

Gen. 32:6-7; Gen. 32:24-28

Joseph’s Crisis of Betrayal Facilitates the Fulfillment of His Dreams

Gen. 37:28; Gen. 41:37-44; Gen. 45:4-5

Moses’ Crisis of Failure Opens the Path to the Supernatural

Ex. 2:15; Ex. 3:11; Deut. 34:10-12

Elijah’s Crisis of Depression Reveals the Community of the Faithful

1 Kings 19:3,4,10; 1 Kings 19:18

Paul’s Crisis of Physical Suffering Releases Divine Power

2 Cor. 12:7-10

Believers’ Crisis of Poverty Unleashes Faith-based Generosity

- The Sidonian Widow

1 Kings 17:8-15; 1 Kings 17:17,21,22

- The Macedonians

2 Cor. 8:1-5

Christ’s Crisis of Abandonment Assured Our Atonement

Matt. 27:45-46

EVERY CRISIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND JOY.

James 1:2-4 *Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything.* (NLT)

Crisis of Fear? Know that God loves you.

1 John 4:18 *Where God’s love is, there is no fear, because God’s perfect love drives out fear.* (NCV)

Crisis of Betrayal? God will never forsake you.

Heb. 13:5-6 *For He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,” so that we confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?”* (NASB)

Crisis of Failure? Failure is not permanent; learn from it.

Rom. 5:3-4 *We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope.* (NCV)

Crisis of Emotional Depression? God will never abandon you.

2 Cor. 4:8-9 *We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don’t give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going.* (NLT)

Crisis of Physical Suffering? It won’t last long; fix your eyes on the eternal.

2 Cor. 4:17-18 *For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.* (NLT)

Crisis of Poverty? God promised to supply all your needs.

Phil. 4:19 *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.* (NLT)

Hab. 3:17-18 *Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!* (NLT)