



Pt. 2. 2023

“How Do You Respond to Adversity” Pt. 1

Review from Last week: We started by “Understanding Adversities”.

1. What is Adversity?

- Adversity is a transformational process that God allows in your life

2. Where does adversity come from?

- a. It can come from God when He wants to get our attention
- b. It can come from other people (Fallen world)
- c. It can be a consequence or a result of a bad decision.

3. What is the Purpose of adversities?

GOD USES ADVERSITY TO CATCH OUR ATTENTION. (Amos 4:12)

GOD USES ADVERSITY TO CALL US FOR SELF EXAMINATION. (1 Cor. 11:31-32)

GOD USES ADVERSITY TO CONQUER OUR PRIDE. (Pr. 8:13)

GOD USES ADVERSITY TO CAUSE US TO CRY OUT TO HIM. (Ps. 34:7; 86:3)

GOD USES ADVERSITY TO REMOVE SHALLOW FRIENDS (2 Tim 4:10)

GOD USES ADVERSITY TO EQUIP US TO COMFORT OTHERS. 2 Cor. 1:3-5

GOD USES ADVERSITY TO BRING US TO THE FEET OF JESUS.

Today we will answer the question **“How to Respond to Adversity” Pt.1**

1 Peter 4:12-14

¹² Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering,

- What makes the difference when you are going thru adversity?

Your reaction to adversities will depend on who you trust, when going thru that tough moment in your life!!!

Two different reactions:

1. Our natural reaction during adversity
2. God's desired reaction during adversity

1. Our _____reaction to adversity.

A. Doubt God.

Mark 4:38

³⁸ Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?”

B. Fear.

Mark 4

⁴⁰ Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

C. Give up

Hebrews 10:23

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

³² Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ.^{1a)} Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things. ³⁴ You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

³⁵ So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

D. Negativity

Exodus 14

1 Then the Lord gave these instructions to Moses: ² "Order the Israelites to turn back and camp by Pi-hahiroth between Migdol and the sea. Camp there along the shore, across from Baal-zephon. ³ Then Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are confused. They are trapped in the wilderness!' ⁴ And once again I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after you. I have planned this in order to display my glory through Pharaoh and his whole army. After this the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord!" So the Israelites camped there as they were told.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, ¹¹ and they said to Moses, "Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren't there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt?" ¹² Didn't we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, 'Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It's better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!'".....

The difference between a person of faith and a person of fear is that
the person of faith can cross the red sea and then reach the promised land!!!
While the person of fear will wander in the wilderness for 40 years and never see God's best for their life

¹³ But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand (Do your part) still (Wait on the Lord) and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. ¹⁴ The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm."

¹⁶ Pick up your staff and raise your hand over the sea. Divide the water so the Israelites can walk through the middle of the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will charge in after the Israelites. My great glory will be displayed through Pharaoh and his troops, his chariots, and his charioteers. ¹⁸ When my glory is displayed through them, all Egypt will see my glory and know that I am the Lord!"

For now remember these things when you are facing adversities:

1. Remember God's promises "Faithfulness"

Jeremiah 29

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

2. Remember God's power.

Exodus 14

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3. Remember God's presence

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4. Remember God's work in the past

Remember God's work in the past. All the things He has done in the past and all the ways he has helped us.

Matthew 11:28.

²⁸ Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.