

## **There is Hope in the Midst of Crisis**

*1 I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. 3 He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.*

***Psalms 40:1-3 NLT***

**Introduction:** *There are crisis in our lives that we cannot avoid even if we do not cause them they can still affect us; but not everything is bad during the crisis, if we remain alert there are benefits that we can receive. Crisis help us redirect and fix weak areas in our lives that we were not aware of. If we place our trust in God He will set our feet on solid ground so that we do not stumble.*

- ***God Manifests in the Crisis*** (John 9.3)
  - Many times we ask ourselves why God allows crisis to affect, not only the world but also His children. The reason is very simple, God wants to use us as examples so others can see the demonstration of His power in us.
  - The example in the Word is very clear. When the disciples were trying to reason the disgrace that this man was experiencing, God knew that it was simply to glorify His name.
- ***God does not Fear Crisis*** (Matthew 8.24)
  - As human beings it is a natural reaction to be frighten before crisis, because you feel threatened due to a situation that you have no control over.
  - Jesus took advantage of a momentary crisis and rested; while his disciples, who had lost control of the ship they were navigating were afflicted thinking they would die.
  - God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-control. It's not about falling asleep during the crisis but instead God giving us the wisdom to come out of the situation so that we can find rest. (Psalms 4:8)

### 3. *Pain is Temporary* (Romans 8.18)

- Many people see their problems as the end of their lives, but the pain is not forever. Sickness, poverty afflictions in marriage or with your children are not forever; if we set our trust in God sooner or later He will take care of our problems.
- It is God's promise for our lives that behind every storm there is a bright sun, and that after affliction there will be a blessing that will give God glory. This is true because crisis cannot be compared to the blessing that is about to manifest. Psalms 40:1-3

**Conclusion:** It is our responsibility to make the right decision before the crisis, it's to say you decide if it's the end of your life or an opportunity to see the hand of God act upon your life. The first step we must take is to invite Jesus on our ship, because if he's in it then it will never sink. Invite Jesus into your heart.

#### **Sinner's Prayer**

*Lord Jesus I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me on the cross. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my heart and life so you can be my Lord and Personal Savior, amen.*