

## Upheaval

We have spoken about those times in life that we face the everyday mundane issues of life, as well as the in dealing with the more serious issues, but There are those other times in which we face a serious bump in the road, which is far more serious than a mere bump in the road but for the sake of discussion here, we refer to serious times of sorrow, pain and testing that are so serious to cause us to question our faith, maybe our reason for being, our very purpose, whether we are on the path or off the road.

We lose the feeling of a sense of connection with others or with our God. We have suffered a blow so terrible that it causes us to hurt at our very Soul. It is a time in which the consolation of friends and loved ones fall on us deafly and we are unaffected by their measures of love and caring. We may feel lost.

These are times of, but most certainly not limited to:

Loss of a Husband or Wife.  
The death of a Brother or Sister.  
The death of a child.  
An adulterous Spouse.  
A betrayal by a close friend.  
A molestation by a relative or trusted person.  
The loss of work.

These are moments when we have faced a serious crisis. This is a time when well meaning folks may misuse scripture or tried biblical based sayings to help comfort you, but you know deep inside there is damage that the words of Friends cannot repair. These are the times that you need a Savior!

We live in a broken world and broken things happen.

The thing to remember is that God is sovereign. In other words God is in ultimate control of his creation.

### Isaiah Chapter 43

13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

### Psalm 135

6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

This perhaps is hard for some folks to accept in times of pain, but this is the one true comfort that we Christians have. That God is God. He reins over this world and its events.

When people argue that God must be bad because evil exists in the world this is an inaccurate view of God and scripture.

God gave us a most wonderful, horrible terrible gift in that we have freewill. That is we may choose to serve him and good or rebel and serve evil. God allows this. God can allow us to be this way and it is justifiable because he did not create slaves but children. If he gave us no choice, that ultimately would have been evil.

**So God allows us to live in this broken world that is broken because of our rebellion. The thing to remember is that God loves us. God loves his children and is performing events to benefit them. If you are a Believer, if you are Saved then you are his. You are God's children. You are ultimately God's responsibility.**

**Isaiah 41**

13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

**Romans Chapter 8**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Jeremiah Chapter 31**

3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

**This means that whatever happens to us God had to allow. This maybe a hard doctrine for some folks but we must remember that we are owned by God. When God saved your Soul you were purchased by him.**

**So, to truly be humble, this is where the rubber meets the road. If it is Gods will, then we must ultimately accept it or we will be in rebellion and a Christian cannot continue in a battle against God. You will lose.**

**James Chapter 4**

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

**This does not diminish the actual pain that an affliction or situation has caused you.**

**God knows this and Loves you through your pain.**

**We must remember that we serve a loving God that works good in our life.**

**Sometimes he allows troubles and trials to test us, to grow us, to strengthen us but it is always for some greater good.**

**1 Corinthians Chapter 10**

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

**Job Chapter 23**

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold

**Healing takes time. It takes God's Love and if some one has injured you, God's Forgiveness.**

**Ephesians Chapter 4**

**31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

**32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**It is helpful to look at the life of someone recorded in the Bible that suffered much tragedy and how he subsequently went thru the process of healing.**

**That man is Job.**

**Job was a real person that God has placed his story for many generations to read and take comfort and courage from.**

**Job realized that God was God. He is in charge, but Job like us being human questioned and sought comfort from friends who really offered their own brand of wisdom and judgement, but for us to know the Truth and receive healing, forgiveness and peace, we must turn to God.**

**Job Chapter 1**

**20** Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

**21** And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

**22** In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.