

THE TRUTH ABOUT TROUBLES IN LIFE- PART 2

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TEXT: PSALM 34:19

MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS,
BUT THE LORD DELIVERS HIM OUT OF THEM ALL.

WE USUALLY HEAR PEOPLE SAY "EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A PURPOSE" OR "GOD KNOWS WHY" THIS IS THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF SAYING "IT IS, WHAT IT IS"

THESE STATEMENTS, MORE THAN BRINGING UNDERSTANDING TO THE REALITY OF THINGS, ARE VOID AND KEEP US FROM UNDERSTANDING THE WILL OF GOD IN OUR LIVES.

WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY GOOD THING COMES FROM GOD.

(JAMES 1:17 EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE...)

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BAD THINGS? DO THEY ALSO COME FROM GOD? NO. HOWEVER, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT GOD CAN USE THE NEGATIVE SITUATIONS IN OUR LIVES TO BRING ABOUT HIS WILL IN OUR LIVES.

GOD WILL NEVER LET A SITUATION GO TO WASTE... EVEN THE BAD CIRCUMSTANCES IN OUR LIVES, HE USES THEM FOR GOOD.

WE HAVE LEARNED WHAT TRIALS DO IN OUR LIVES, BUT THE SECOND QUESTION I HAVE IS:

2. WHAT ARE TRIALS FOR?

TO GLORIFY THE SON OF GOD.

LAZARUS

IN JOHN WE LEARN THAT ONE OF JESUS' CLOSE FRIENDS IS SICK. HIS FRIENDS SISTERS COME TO JESUS AND TELL HIM "YOUR FRIEND (OUR BROTHER) IS SICK AND READY TO DIE. PLEASE COME SEE HIM.

JESUS RESPONDS IN JOHN 11:4 BUT WHEN JESUS HEARD IT HE SAID,
"THIS ILLNESS DOES NOT LEAD TO DEATH. IT IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD,
SO THAT THE SON OF GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH IT."

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HIS FRIEND ENDS UP DYING AND JESUS SHOWS UP AFTER. (4 DAYS LATER) JESUS
RESURRECTS A DEAD MAN BY SAYING "LAZARUS COME OUT!" (JOHN 11:43)

THE DEATH OF LAZARUS WAS SO THAT GOD WOULD GET MORE GLORY.

HOW WILL GOD GET MORE GLORY, BY HEALING A HEADACHE OR BY RAISING A
MAN FROM THE GRAVE?

JESUS

JOHN 12:23 JESUS SAID "THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE
GLORIFIED" NO ONE KNEW THAT JESUS WAS REFERRING TO BEING CRUCIFIED. IN
OTHER WORDS "THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE CRUCIFIED"

DYING ON THE CROSS WAS THE LAST GREATEST TRIAL OF JESUS. BY DYING ON
THE CROSS AND RESURRECTING, JESUS DEFEATED THE DEVIL.

YOU SEE,
IF JESUS WOULDN'T HAVE DIED ON THE CROSS,
HE WOULD HAVE NEVER RESURRECTED.
IF JESUS WOULDN'T HAVE RESURRECTED,
THEN NO ONE WOULD HAVE SEEN HIS GLORIFIED BODY.

BEFORE THERE WAS GLORY, THERE WAS DEATH.

THE NEGATIVE SITUATIONS YOU ARE GOING THROUGH, MAY VERY WELL
BE WHAT CATAPULTS YOU INTO YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE. YOU MUST ALWAYS ASK
YOURSELF "HOW WILL GOD GET GLORY IN THIS SITUATION?"

IT MAY BE THAT THE NEGATIVE SITUATION PRODUCED LOVE AND
COMPASSION FOR OTHERS AND PEOPLE WILL SAY "IF GOD CHANGED THEM,
THEN HE CAN CHANGE ME" OR IT MAY BE THAT THE TRIAL
SIMPLY PUSHED YOU TO LOVE GOD MORE.

LET GOD BE GLORIFIED IN YOUR LIFE, NOT ONLY IN GOOD SITUATIONS, BUT ALSO
IN THE STORMS THAT LIFE MAY BRING.