

(2 Sam 22:29-33) (12/27/17)

Vs 1 King David found himself in a crisis quite often

Vs 5 “Waves of death, floods, ungodly men, afraid”

Vs 6 “Sorrows, Snares”

Vs 7 “Distress”

Vs 17 “Many Waters”

What would David do?

Where would David go?

Was David’s walk with God going to be able to carry him through?

We all have Serious Crisis in our lives.

The national average is every 5-7 years everybody has a life altering crisis.

How spiritually fit are we to handle crisis’ we face?

*Health, Finances, Relationships, Family, Career, Change?*

**Remember your 1<sup>st</sup> Crisis** – The One you had to face on your own as an adult? - *Illus: Miscarriage/Twins*

We have all had our fair share in the past and are destined for more in the future.

(Jn 16:33) *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

(2 Tim 3:12) *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

***When Crisis come our way, remember TO: ...***

**Stop and Reflect-** God’s way is perfect

**VS 3 List all the things He is to you!**

My Rock

My Shield

My Horn of My Salvation (power)

My High Tower

My Refuge

My Saviour

Life is not without purpose in the LORD!

**VS 4 PRAY & PRAISE HIM** for He is Worthy

Whether He helps us or not, He is still Worthy!

Vs 7b, God Heard - God Got Involved!

**Vs 29 Remember: God is our Constant in Life.**

*For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.*

**Vs 30 Remember** all of the things he helped us overcome in the past. *“For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.”*

**Vs 31 Remember - His Way is Perfect** – *“As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.”*

**David was positive of this!**

**(Jer 29:11-14a)** *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD:*

**Paul says the same thing:** (2 Tim 1:12) *“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”*

**David had faced giants before.** Vs 32-41 David takes a minute and recounts the Crisis he has faced and the victories God has given Him,

**Reflection Reminds of**

**The Victories**

**The Grace**

**The Strength**

**The Song of Joy in our hearts:** (Acts 16:25)  
*And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:*

**Reflection Reinvigorates our Faith!**

***Nothing happens to us by accident:***

(Deut 32:4) *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he*

He has a purpose for us – Saved for No reason.

***He will finish the work He has started.***

(Phil 1:6) *“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”*

**Everything God creates is perfect!**

**The World was created perfect**, until Man messed it up. (Gen 1:25) *And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

**Marriage is Perfect** – Man messes it up!  
Marriage God’s way works! (Heb 13:4) *Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*

**Church is perfect** – Man Messes it up!

Church God’s way, works  
(Eph 5:27) *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

**God's Word is perfect.** Until Man Messes it up!  
(Ps 19:7) *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

**Remember, It's in God's Strength we Live.**

**Vs 33** *God is my strength and power: And he maketh my way perfect.*  
(Acts 17:28a) *For in him we live, and move, and have our being;*

**He makes me ABLE!** Learn to trust Him  
Life is not without purpose in the LORD!

*Illus: Life of Joseph, son Jacob*  
*List his Crisis - Hated & Betrayed by his brothers,*  
*Sold into Slavery, Falsely Accused & Imprisoned.*  
*Forgotten by his Family.*

*Remember his victory. – Not in his brothers bowing to him, but in his acceptance of God's plan and recognition of God's power in his life!*

(Gen 50:20) *But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.*

***This was Joseph's Greatest Triumph***  
***This is what gave His life Meaning!***  
***Joseph didn't quit in the PIT!***

***David Didn't Quit in the Pit of Despair either:***  
*Valley Elah, Cave of Adullam, Ziklag,*

***SO WHAT Are WE to DO when Crisis Comes?***

**Recognize Crisis will come to us all.**

Has it ever occurred to you that Nothing is Ever a Crisis with God?

**Nothing happens to us by accident**

*There are things He allows to work His glory.*  
(Rom 8:28-29) *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

**God does not owe us an apology or a reason!**

*When you can't understand His Reasons, Trust His Heart.*

**TRUST HIM – (Ps 118:8-9)**

**He wants what's best for you!**

**God is always good, and God is always right!**

**EMBRACE WHAT HE ALLOWS –**  
**(2 Cor 12:7-10)**

**STAY FAITHFUL** – (Job 13:15-18) *Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.*

(I am going to be Faithful to Him) *16 He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. 17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. 18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.*

**DON'T FRET** - (Heb 13:5-6)

(Gal 2:20) **It's his life, Not ours.**

(1 Cor 6:20) **Let God Be God, & don't try to run God's Life.**

**Commit to Rely on Him!**

Its only a Crisis if we face it without God.