



ACCURATE BUILDING CONCEPTS

Active in Tribulation

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Jer 12:5

"If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?(NKJ)

IN OTHER WORDS:

IF YOU ARE PANTING FOR BREATH ON THE PLAINS, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO RUN AT HIGH ALTITUDE?

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING IN THE TIME OF PEACE, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MANAGE IN THE DAY OF WAR?

If you cannot handle personal demons, how are you going to handle governmental ones?

If you cannot pray in private, how are you going to fare in public?

If you cannot praise God when He does something good, how are you going to praise him because He is good?

If you cannot repent for your own sins, how are you going to repent for the sins of others?

If you cannot obey God-ordained leadership, how are you going to obey God?

If you cannot unite your own family, how are you going to unite the church?

If you cannot sacrifice your money, how are you going to sacrifice your life?

If you cannot attend regularly, how are you going to assemble believers regularly?

If you cannot handle cockroaches, how are you going to handle demons?

Prov 24:10

If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.(NKJ)

Faint = raphah

To slacken, forsake, cease, leave, relax, discourage, abandon

YOUR STRENGTH CAN ONLY BE MEASURED ACCURATELY IN ADVERSITY – IF YOU SLACKEN, IT MEANS YOUR STRENGTH IS SMALL.

OPERATING IN ADVERSE CONDITIONS.

TRIALS

The Christian's response to a trials, tribulation, calamity, pressure, hardships.

1 Pet 4:12-13

12. Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. (NKJ)

OUTLINED BELOW ARE SOME WAYS IN WHICH A CHRISTIAN SHOULD RESPOND TO A TRIAL: -

THANKSGIVING

REJOICING

INTERCESSION

ACCLAMATION and ADORATION

LOYALTY TO GOD/VISION/TEAM

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SELF-EXAMINATION

AMPLIFICATION

THANKSGIVING

1Thes 5:18

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (NKJ)

EXAMPLES

JONAH

Whilst in the belly of the fish Jonah offered thanksgiving.

Jonah 2:9

But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD." (NKJ)

DANIEL

Although Daniel knew that he would be cast into the lions den for praying to God, he still went before God to give thanks.

Dan 6:10

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. (NKJ)

JESUS

He thanked the Father for His impending crucifixion.

Matt 26:27-28

27Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

28"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

(NKJ)

PAUL

In the midst of the storm at sea, Paul offered thanks to God.

Acts 27:35

And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat. (NKJ)

REJOICING

Hab 3:17-18

17. Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls-18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. (NKJ)

Phil 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! (NKJ)

2 Cor 6:10

as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. (NKJ)

James 1:2

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, (NKJ)

Acts 5:41

So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. (NKJ)

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2 Cor 12:10

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.(NKJ)

INTERCESSION

DAVID

David fasted and prayed for his sick child for 7 days.

2 Sam 12:16

David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. (NKJ)

PAUL AND SILAS

They prayed whilst in prison.

Acts 16:25

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. (NKJ)

KING HEZEKIAH

King Hezekiah interceded following Sennacherib's threat to capture Jerusalem.

2 Chr 32:20

Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. (NKJ)

ACCLAMATION and ADORATION

KING JEHOSHAPHAT

They praised God in the light of an earlier confession that they had no might against the invading army

2 Chr 20:12

"O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." (NKJ)

2 Chr 20:21-22

21. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever." 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. (NKJ)

DAVID

2 Sam 12:18-20

18 Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, "Indeed, while the

child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!"

19When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

20So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.(NKJ)

PAUL AND SILAS

Paul and Silas praised God whilst in prison

Acts 16:23-25

23And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.

24Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.(NKJ)

JOB

Job praised God after hearing of the death of His children.

Job 1:20-22

20Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

21And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

22In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.(NKJ)

LOYALTY TO GOD/VISION/TEAM

MAINTAIN YOUR FAITH. CONTINUE TO BELIEVE GOD. THIS INCLUDES TENACITY AND ENDURANCE.

ABRAHAM

Rom 4:18-25

18who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

19And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

22And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

23Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him,

24but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.(NKJ)

Job 1:22

In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong. (NKJ)

Job 2:10

But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips. (NKJ)

Job 13:15

Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.(NKJ)

1 Sam 30:6

Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. (NKJ)

Dan 3:16-18

16. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." (NKJ)

THE SONS OF GAD – TENACIOUS IN THE TIME OF FLOOD

1 Chr 12:14-15

14These were from the sons of Gad, captains of the army; the least was over a hundred, and the greatest was over a thousand.

15These are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all those in the valleys, to the east and to the west.(NKJ)

BENAIAH

2 Sam 23:20

Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.(NKJ)

EPAPHRODITUS – ENDURANCE IN SICKNESS

Phil 2:25-30

25Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

26since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.(NKJ)

SELF-EXAMINATION

1 Cor 11:31

For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. (NKJ)

EXAMINE YOURSELF. IS THE TRIAL DUE TO YOUR OWN CARELESSNESS?

Example

Is the hedge broken?

Eccl 10:8

He who digs a pit will fall into it, and whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent. (NKJ)

I Jn 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. (NKJ)

Satan cannot touch a person who "keeps himself". The hedge is broken by sin. A broken hedge allows satanic access.

Repentance repairs the hedge - *(Jesus gives abundant life whilst satan steals, kills and destroys... -Jhn. 10:10).*

Illustrations

Joshua and his army lost in the battle against a weaker enemy - AI, although God had assured them of victory. Joshua went before God in humility and prayer to ascertain what had happened. God answered in *Josh 7:13 "Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the LORD God of Israel: "There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you." (NKJ)*

The accursed thing was Achan's disobedience in retaining the Babylonish garment, silver and gold. This sin led to their defeat. When this was dealt with, they were victorious in the next battle. (hedge broken by Achan's sin)

Job broke the hedge by not disciplining his children - he lost his children.

David lost his child as a consequence of his adultery and murder. He examined himself and repented (*Ps.51*). (hedge broken by adultery and murder)

The desolation of Israel was tribulation due to the disobedience of Eli, Hophini and Phineas. The ark was kidnapped and the glory departed from Israel. (Hedge broken by disobedience)

A self-imposed curse led to Israel's destruction in AD 70 by Titus. In *Matt. 27:25* the Jews cursed themselves by the following statement. *"His blood be upon us and our children"*. (hedge broken by a self-imposed curse)