

BASIC MESSAGES

From God's Word

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"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you," *Matthew 6:33 NKJV*

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but of power and of love and of a sound mind." *2Timothy 1:7 NKJV*

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." *Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV*

CATASTROPHIC DISTRACTIONS

As I closed the door, I wondered if I would ever see the house again. I had faced hurricanes many times before, but I'd never run from one. As I prayed about hurricane Katrina that morning the only thing The Lord would say to me was, "You need to leave." I knew it would be bad, but I committed it all to God. In my heart, I said, "Lord if it's here when we return Praise you, if there is nothing left we praise you."

Catastrophe is a daily part of life. Whether it's fire, flood, health epidemics, economic disaster, or wars in various places the news is filled with things that can cause our hearts to fear. On a more personal level our job, health, or crises in family relationships can cause us to be anxious about our lives. The Bible says that Satan is, "like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." The closer we get to Jesus' return the louder he will roar. "Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (*2Timothy 3:13 NKJV*)

Satan attacks us through catastrophes and problems in order to distract us from God's Kingdom purposes. The devil wants us to live in fear and unbelief, but life's challenges should not cause those who know Jesus to lose focus. Our primary purpose should be to establish God's Kingdom in the hearts of people within our sphere of influence. We should always walk in faith believing that victory is ours no matter what we are facing. *2 Corinthians 2:14* tells us that God "always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." If we do not face life's issues with faith, fear will overtake us. This can cause us to make decisions based on our own wisdom instead of hearing God's voice and obeying Him. We should see each attack as an opportunity to show God's power and defeat the devil. The need of the hour is for God's people to be Kingdom focused and face the crises of their lives with faith not fear. This will help draw people to Jesus, and establish His Kingdom in the earth.

BASIC QUESTION: Are you facing the crises of your life with faith so that you will help draw people to Jesus, and establish His Kingdom in their hearts?

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