



## Adversity, Risk and The Sanctity of Life

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In adversity we need...

1. p\_\_\_\_\_ with God

**Romans 5:1** Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

<sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

2. to p\_\_\_\_\_ and trust

**Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Let your forbearing *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**James 5:13** Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises.

<sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

<sup>15</sup> and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

3. a biblical world view with a focus on the *s\_\_\_\_\_ of God*

**Romans 8:22** For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

<sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

**Acts 2:22** "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

<sup>23</sup> this *Man*, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

<sup>24</sup> "And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

4. an *e\_\_\_\_\_ perspective*

**Romans 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

<sup>19</sup> For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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**2 Corinthians 4:16** ...though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup> For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

<sup>18</sup> while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

**5:1** For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven

5. c \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 1:20** For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

<sup>22</sup> But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

<sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

<sup>24</sup> yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

<sup>25</sup> And convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

<sup>26</sup> so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

<sup>28</sup> in no way alarmed by *your* opponents-- which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that *too*, from God.

<sup>29</sup> For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

<sup>30</sup> experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

**2:1** If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,  
<sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

<sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

6. to embrace God's design and call to s\_\_\_\_\_ living and risk

**Matthew 16:24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

<sup>25</sup> "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

**Acts 20:22** "And now, behold, bound in spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

<sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

<sup>24</sup> "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

**2 Corinthians 1:6** ...if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

**1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

<sup>20</sup> For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

7. to put away c\_\_\_\_\_

**John 21:18** "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

<sup>19</sup> Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!"

<sup>20</sup> Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

<sup>21</sup> Peter therefore seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me!"