OVERCOMING Connecting with God in a Crisis

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"When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3 (NIV)

"Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness." Psalm 34:9 (MSG)

When your heart is breaking: The example of Job (Job 1:1-2:10)

HOW TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF FAILURE

1. TELL GOD HOW YOU

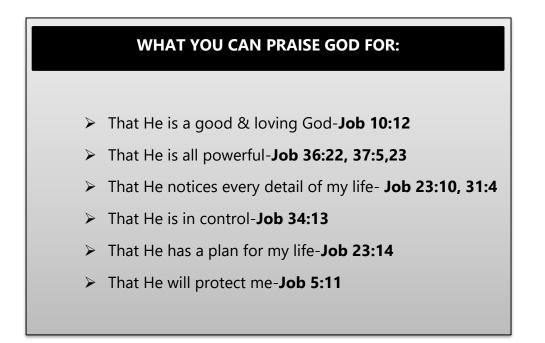
"Cry out in the night... Pour out your heart like water in prayer to the Lord." Lamentations 2:19 (NCV)

"So I will not stay quiet; I will speak out in the suffering of my spirit. I will complain because I am so unhappy." Job 7:11 (NCV)

Jeremiah (Jeremiah 20:67) ~ Naomi (Ruth 1:20) ~ David (Psalm 88:15)

2PRAISE GOD OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

He said, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord! In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God." Job 1:21–22 (NLT)



"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!" Habakkuk 3:17–18 (NLT)

MEMORY VERSE: Job: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Job 13:15 (KJV)

3. ASK GOD FOR STRENGTH &

"Look to the Lord and his strength." Psalm 105:4 (NIV)

"God is the real source of wisdom and strength." Job 12:13 (CEV)

"I can lie down and go to sleep, and I'll wake up again, because the Lord gives me strength." **Psalm 3:5 (NCV)**

"The Lord saves good people; he is their strength in times of trouble." Psalm 37:39 (NCV)

"So here I am <u>in the place of worship</u>, eyes open, <u>drinking in your strength</u> and glory." **Psalm 63:2 (MSG)**

4. KEEP FOCUSED ON GOD AND HIS

"Therefore <u>we do not lose heart</u>... For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we <u>fix our eyes</u> not on what is seen, but <u>on what is</u> <u>unseen</u>. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)**

Jesus: "(By) <u>trusting me</u>, you will be <u>unshakable and assured</u>, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." John 16:33 (MSG)

"<u>Do you see</u> what we've got? <u>An unshakable kingdom</u>! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but <u>brimming with worship</u>, deeply reverent before God!" **Hebrews 12:28 (MSG)**

"When the oppressed see this, they will be glad; those who worship God will be encouraged." **Psalm 69:32 GNB)**

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