

After the Dust Settles

II Cor 4:7-10



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Ever Had One of Those Days?

- **Weeks?**
- **Months?**
- **Years?**
- **Decades?**

**Often Your Crisis ...
...Is Part of
...His Growth Plan**

A woman in a white dress is shown in silhouette, holding a small airplane against a bright, glowing sunset background. The scene is set against a warm, golden-yellow sky. The woman's hair is blowing in the wind, and the overall mood is one of hope and resilience.

Instead of Asking God

oWhy?

oAsk What?

...What Do You Want Me to Learn?

But What About After the Smoke Clears?

...What Then?

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

– Henry Ford

Your plan

II Cor 4:7-10

- *7But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*
- *7We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. 8We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. 9We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. 10Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.*

Every Crisis Has Lessons to Teach.

- **Learn Those Lessons**
- **Make the Necessary Changes**
- **Move Forward**

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. - Proverbs 9:9

71It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. 72The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver. -Psalm 119

I Can Do Nothing About the Direction of the Wind..

...But I Can Adjust the Sails.

Learn The Lessons; Make The Changes

After a Major Life Crisis, Don't Expect Instantaneous Healing

- **Expect a Emotional Aftershocks.**
- **You May Try to Dwell on the Past...**
 - ...Don't Get Stuck in It**
- **If Emotional Aftershocks Become Too Intense...**
 - ...Seek Help.**

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! - Psalm 27:14

Healing Continues After the Crisis Passes

After the Crisis, It's Your Responsibility to Engage...

- **With The Proper the Support You Need.**

- **Local Church**

- **Neighborhood Service Organization,**

- **Local Support Group, Get Involved:**

You Need Their Help . . . and They Need Yours.

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. -1 Thess 5:11

Get Connected; Get Involved

Sometimes, Trouble Rears His Head Again.

• But If Trouble Does Return to Your House...

...You Can Take Comfort in the Fact that After this Crisis

...You Are Now Better Prepared

Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. -Heb 12:11



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If The Problem Recurs...

...You'll Be Better Prepared When It Does

Other People Will Endure the Same Hardships You've Faced,

- **They Need the Benefit of Your Experiences Now.**

- **The Best Way to Keep Your Wisdom Fresh Is...**

...Give It Away Every Day.

"in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you." **-Titus 2:7**

That good leaders emerge."

-Rudy Giuliani **Share What You've Learned**

Your plan

God Has a Unique Purpose and Path for Your Life...

...He Intends For You to Take In Order to Fulfill that Purpose.

- **Keep Searching for that Plan,**
- **Keep Following His Path:**
- **Seek the Purpose; Walk the Path.**

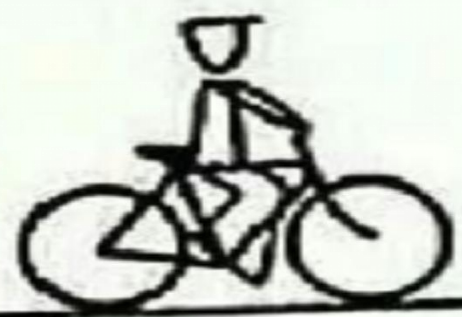
It's Up To You To...

- **Learn The Lessons that Tough Times Can Teach.**
- **Make Changes/ Choices that are Pleasing to Your Creator.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. -Psalm 32:8

Know God Has a Plan and a Path

Your plan



Gods Plan



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