



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

My Confusion is Continually Before Me.

In doing my weekly Bible chapter outline Palm 44 jumped out at me. In verses 1-8, the writer recalls how God, “in the time of old”, “... commands deliverance for Jacob. Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.” Ps 44:4-8

Then in verse 9 there is a but: “But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves. Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen. Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price. Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.” Ps 44:9-14

The writer pens in verse 15 “My confusion is continually before me.” In other words, like all of us say, “Why God?” “All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way.” Ps 44:17-18 I do not know about you but many times in my life, I am hurting and confused and asking why. I know we live in a fallen world with fallen people with a fallen body. “Why do bad things happen to good people like me?” Let’s start with the acronym START.

Sin: God wants to correct me: “My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom He loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.” Prov 3:11-12

Train: God wants to train me: My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (trials; hardships, tribulation). Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” James 1:2-4 “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” 2 Cor 1:4

Ask: God wants me to ask. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” Matt 7:7 “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Heb 4:16

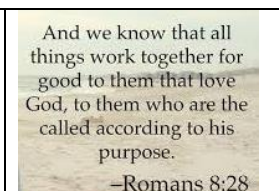
Reward: God wants to reward me: “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.” James 1:12 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” 2 Cor 4:17 “When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.” I Peter 5:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Rev 21:4

Testimony: God wants me to share what He did for me: “Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.” Mark 5:19-20

As long as we are on this earth bad things will happen to us but is for our good and not for our destruction. God allowed it, controls it, and will bring us through it. Job is a good example. [Institute in Basic Life Principles](#) has more excellent in-depth Biblical explanations on this subject.



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“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” II Cor 12:9



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