

GOD ALWAYS MAKES A WAY OUT

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Introduction

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, [a way out] that ye may be able to bear *it*.

In this verse, King James version states “a way to escape.” A better translation of that phrase is “a way out.” God always makes a way out, a way to escape. God is faithful to always have a way out of any situation that you are faced with.

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians 1:13 NIV For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

God will absolutely rescue us when we need help. The word in this verse “delivered” is better translated “rescued.”

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

God is not evil, God does no evil, but He does rescue us from evil. He makes a way out of an evil situation.

Exodus

The word Exodus translated into English is “a way out.” Look what God did for the Israelites in the Old Testament. God rescued them from slavery and led them into the promised land. The book of Exodus is the record of God delivering the Israelites.

Exodus 18:8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them.

Exodus 18:9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

Exodus 18:10 And Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

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In Exodus, the Passover was instituted. This was a way for God to deliver His people from the power of Satan. Jesus Christ became “the way out” the way of salvation for all mankind.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God gave Jesus Christ a way out in case being crucified was too much for him but Jesus Christ chose to be our savior, our way out.

Matthew 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

God Made a Way Out for Paul

Acts 20:22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

Acts 20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem, even though God did not want him to go and it was revealed to him that there would be afflictions waiting there for him. God is so good that even though Paul was going against what God wanted him to do God still made a way out. In fact, God is so good that He will make more than one way out. When we miss the first way out, then He will make a second and third and more ways out.

Acts 21:4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

Acts 21:10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

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Acts 21:11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.

Acts 21:12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Again and again God tried to give Paul a way out, but he went to Jerusalem anyway.

Acts 23:12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

Acts 23:13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

Acts 23:14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

Paul was in serious trouble. The religious leaders in Jerusalem wanted him dead. But even though he had repeatedly disobeyed God's warnings, God still made a way for Paul to get out of Jerusalem. Now the first way out that God provided for Paul was much better than the way out which he became a prisoner of the Roman Empire.

Our Personal Ministry

Sometimes people ask; "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Well, the truth is bad things happen to good and bad people.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Satan, the Devil, is the author of evil. He is a thief who only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. That is his job description. That is what he does. That is all he does. But Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. This abundant life is not a destination, it is a journey. The abundant life is not the believer sitting on a sandy beach with a fresh drink with an umbrella in it. That is a nice vacation. So why does God give us this abundance?

2 Corinthians 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

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2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

God has given each and every person an individual ministry. We are ambassadors. We help people find “a way out.”

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

When Jesus Christ walked the face of the earth he was the way out for people showing them deliverance.

John 5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

John 5:3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

John 5:4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

The pool at the sheep gate had an intermittent water supply. The legend was that an angel would send the water and whoever got in the water first would be healed. There were a great multitude of people there and no one was getting healed. But Jesus Christ found one man who he could heal.

John 5:5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

John 5:6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

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John 5:7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

John 5:8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

John 5:9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

Then there is the record of the woman taken in adultery. The Pharisees were willing to have this woman killed just to make Jesus Christ look bad. Jesus Christ came up with a way out for the woman, and himself by saying what God told him to say.

John 8:2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

John 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

John 8:4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

John 8:5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

John 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not*.

John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

John 8:8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

John 8:9 And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

John 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

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Conclusion

God always makes a way out, but it is even bigger than that; God makes “ways” out. If we miss the first one, He will make another. And even though God is always faithful to make a way out for us, we must act on His deliverance to receive it. Then we move forward with our personal ministry and we show others the deliverance of God, helping them see the way out that God has for them.

Psalms 69:14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Psalms 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luke 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luke 4:21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

This is the acceptable year of the Lord. That means is deliverance available right now. There is a way out right now. This scripture is being fulfilled daily in the lives of Christians worldwide.

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