

Desperate Measures

Psalm 34:17 – 19 (MSG) *Is anyone crying for help? God is listening, ready to rescue you. 18 If your heart is broken, you'll find God right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath. 19 Disciples so often get into trouble; still, God is there every time.*

- God's prophetic word to you: *Stand Still and See the Salvation of the Lord!!*

FIVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

REMEMBER THAT GOD IS ALL KNOWING

- One of the most comforting things to focus on in the heat of battle, is that this is no surprise to God.
- **I Kings 17:5 – 9 (NKJV)** *So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I HAVE COMMANDED a widow there to provide for you."*
- **QUOTE:** *God is bringing your name before people who are assigned to help you, even if they don't know you or don't really like you.*

REMEMBER THAT GOD IS YOUR ONLY SOLUTION

- **Psalm 20:7 (GNT)** *Some trust in their war chariots and others in their horses, but we trust in the power of the Lord our God.*
- One of God's continuous goals for us is to get us UNaddicted from everything but God.

REMEMBER THAT GOD'S WORD HASN'T STOPPED WORKING

- **Isaiah 55:10, 11 (NLT)** *The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. 11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it ALWAYS produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.*
- **QUOTE:** *Just because you don't feel anything, doesn't mean God's not doing anything.*
- Bad news comes to blindsides us and distort our vision. We must fight to keep seeing and saying what God has promised.

REMEMBER THE POWER OF YOUR COVENANT

- **Romans 4:18 – 21 (NLT)** *Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham KEPT HOPING — believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" 19 And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. 20 Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. 21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.*
- Abraham became fully convinced when he finally got his mind on his covenant instead of his problem.

REMEMBER THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS AND YOUR PRAISE

- When facing *Desperate Measures*, you cannot forget all your training.
- You cannot allow yourself to become so emotional that you abandon your spiritual disciplines.
- **Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)** – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*
- **Psalm 8:2 (NCV)** – *You have taught children and babies to sing praises to you because of your enemies. And so, you silence your enemies and destroy those who try to get even.*
- *Silence/Still (Heb. Shabbath) – to repose; to desist from exertion; to cause to cease. This is the Hebrew word that produces our English word, Sabbath.*