

Navigating Life's Problems

I. **THINK DIFFERENTLY.** Ultimately, God is your source and resource.

- A. Listen for God's voice. "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).
 - 1. Read your Bible.
 - 2. Connect to the Body of Christ in your local church.
 - 3. Listen for the Spirit's leading.
- B. Experience the supernatural love of God (Ephesians 3:17-19; John 5:19-20). You must believe that you "will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13-14). David believed, because he encountered the beauty and love of God (Psalm 27:3-5).
- C. Petition with joy and confidence toward God. Petitioning is a relational act (Matthew 6:9; Philippians 4:4-9; Psalm 100:4-5).

II. **GIVE GENEROUSLY.** Sow seeds of faith toward breakthrough (Luke 6:37-38).

- A. As you release a seed of faith toward your problem, you become a part of the answer. In Matthew 17:14-20, a simple declaration of faith (command) at the right moment was what was needed. God has a wisdom path for every situation (James 1:5-8).
 - 1. Sowing breakthrough seeds honors God and blesses others. One of the most dramatic seeds you can sow right away is forgiveness (Luke 6:37-38).
 - 2. Sowing generous seeds moves us toward God, hope, and abundance (II Cor. 9:6-8).
- B. Some seeds you sow may not look like they are connected to your breakthrough.
 - 1. The Cross (John 12:23-24)
 - 2. God's chosen fast (Isaiah 58:6-11; Jeremiah 22:15-16)
 - 3. "You give them something to eat" (Mark 6:37-38).
 - 4. "Take away the stone" (John 11:38-44).
 - 5. Take care of God's temple and change your economy—even the weather (Haggai 1:2-11; 2:18-19; Malachi 3:8-12).
 - 6. "Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath" (I Kings 17:12-23)
 - 7. "Your sins are forgiven...Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (Luke 7:44-50).
 - 8. Repentance and worship (II Samuel 12:20-25)

III. **LIVE EXPECTANTLY.** "His mercies...are new every morning" (Lam. 3:22-23).

- A. You can stop worrying (Matthew 6:31-34).
- B. You can expect God's protection (Isaiah 54:17).
- C. You can expect God's wisdom (James 1:5-8).
- D. You can expect God's wisdom and His peace (Ecclesiastes 5:18-20).
- E. You can "EXPECT A MIRACLE!"

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