

WINNING THE WORRY BATTLE QUESTIONS  
Chapter 9 to be completed by December 14 or December 18 Classes

CHAPTER 9 GOD IF..., PAGE 85

1. JOSHUA 5:13-15 "WHEN JOSHUA WAS NEAR THE TOWN OF JERICHO, HE LOOKED UP & SAW A MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF HIM WITH SWORD IN HAND. JOSHUA WENT UP TO HIM & DEMANDED, "ARE YOU FRIEND OR FOE?" "NEITHER ONE," HE REPLIED. "I AM THE COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY." AT THIS, JOSHUA FELL WITH HIS FACE TO THE GROUND IN REVERENCE. "I AM AT YOUR COMMAND," JOSHUA SAID. "WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR SERVANT TO DO?" THE COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY REPLIED, "TAKE OFF YOUR SANDALS, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY." AND JOSHUA DID AS HE WAS TOLD."

- Who do you think the COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY is, from the verses above? (page 88)
  
- EXODUS 14:14 "THE LORD HIMSELF WILL FIGHT FOR YOU. JUST STAY CALM."  
What was this man's message supposed to remind Joshua of as he was heading into battle? (page 88)
  
- How does Joshua respond, that reminds you this is how you need to respond when going into another worry battle once again?
  
- What battle might you be fighting now that isn't actually your battle at all to be fighting? See the statements made in middle of page 89 to help you.

2. God invites us to be calm even when we don't see a solution because He is going to provide the solution for us. Fill in the blanks to how God does this repeatedly throughout the Bible.

A. EXODUS 14:13-18 "BUT MOSES TOLD THE PEOPLE, "DON'T BE AFRAID. JUST STAND STILL & WATCH THE LORD RESCUE YOU TODAY. THE EGYPTIANS YOU SEE TODAY WILL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN. THE LORD HIMSELF WILL FIGHT FOR YOU. JUST STAY CALM." THEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "WHY ARE YOU CRYING OUT TO ME? TELL THE PEOPLE TO GET MOVING! PICK UP YOUR STAFF & RAISE YOUR HAND OVER THE SEA. DIVIDE THE WATER SO THE ISRAELITES CAN WALK THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA ON DRY GROUND. AND I WILL HARDEN THE HEARTS OF THE EGYPTIANS, & THEY WILL CHARGE IN AFTER THE ISRAELITES. MY GREAT GLORY WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGH PHARAOH & HIS TROOPS, HIS CHARIOTS, & HIS CHARIOTEERS. WHEN MY GLORY IS DISPLAYED THROUGH THEM, ALL EGYPT WILL SEE MY GLORY & KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD!"

The Israelites were trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army riding up behind. God invites them to exchange their "WHAT IF'S" for "GOD, IF'S".

- **GOD, IF** the worst happens I'm going to stand still and watch You R\_\_\_\_\_ me today. I trust You, Lord, to F\_\_\_\_\_ for me.
  
- What did God do for the Israelites that they never could have done on their own?
  
- Why did God rescue them?

B. MATTHEW 26:36-39 "THEN JESUS WENT WITH THEM TO THE OLIVE GROVE CALLED GETHSEMANE, & HE SAID, "SIT HERE WHILE I GO OVER THERE TO PRAY." HE TOOK PETER & ZEBEDEE'S TWO SONS, JAMES & JOHN, & HE BECAME ANGUISHED & DISTRESSED. HE TOLD THEM, "MY SOUL IS CRUSHED WITH GRIEF TO THE POINT OF DEATH. STAY HERE & KEEP WATCH WITH ME." HE WENT ON A LITTLE FARTHER & BOWED WITH HIS FACE TO THE GROUND, PRAYING, "MY FATHER! IF IT IS POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP OF SUFFERING BE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME. YET I WANT YOUR WILL TO BE DONE, NOT MINE."

Jesus exchanges His "WHAT IF'S" for "GOD, IF'S" when He asks His Father, IF it is possible, could there be another way for mankind's sin to be removed than for Him to die.

- **GOD, IF** the worst happens I want Your W\_\_\_\_\_ to be done, not M\_\_\_\_\_.
- I JOHN 2:1B-2 "HE IS JESUS CHRIST, THE ONE WHO IS TRULY RIGHTEOUS. HE IS THE ONE WHO TOOK GOD'S WRATH AGAINST OUR SINS UPON HIMSELF & BROUGHT US INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD; & HE IS THE FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS, & NOT ONLY OURS BUT ALL THE WORLD'S."

What did God do for mankind, through the death of Jesus Christ, that we could have never done on our own?

C. DANIEL 3:17-18 "IF WE ARE THROWN INTO THE BLAZING FURNACE, THE GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE TO SAVE US. HE WILL RESCUE US FROM YOUR POWER, YOUR MAJESTY. BUT EVEN IF HE DOESN'T, WE WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO YOU, YOUR MAJESTY, THAT WE WILL NEVER SERVE YOUR GODS OR WORSHIP THE GOLD STATUE YOU HAVE SET UP."

Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego faced death because they loved God more than they feared dying. God gave them the courage to exchange their "WHAT IF'S" for "GOD, IF'S".

- **GOD, IF** the worst happens, the God whom we serve is able to S\_\_\_\_\_ us. He will R\_\_\_\_\_ us. But even IF HE DOESN'T, we will never serve any god other than the one TRUE GOD.
- FROM DANIEL 3: "SO THEY TIED THEM UP & THREW THEM INTO THE FURNACE, FULLY DRESSED IN THEIR PANTS, TURBANS, ROBES, & OTHER GARMENTS. THE FLAMES KILLED THE SOLDIERS AS THEY THREW THE THREE MEN IN. "LOOK!" NEBUCHADNEZZAR SHOUTED. "I SEE FOUR MEN, UNBOUND, WALKING AROUND IN THE FIRE UNHARMED! AND THE FOURTH LOOKS LIKE A GOD! SO SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO STEPPED OUT OF THE FIRE. THEN THE HIGH OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, GOVERNORS, & ADVISERS CROWDED AROUND THEM & SAW THAT THE FIRE HAD NOT TOUCHED THEM. NOT A HAIR ON THEIR HEADS WAS SINGED, & THEIR CLOTHING WAS NOT SCORCHED. THEY DIDN'T EVEN SMELL OF SMOKE! 28 THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR SAID, "PRAISE TO THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO! HE SENT HIS ANGEL TO RESCUE HIS SERVANTS WHO TRUSTED IN HIM. THEY DEFIED THE KING'S COMMAND & WERE WILLING TO DIE RATHER THAN SERVE OR WORSHIP ANY GOD EXCEPT THEIR OWN GOD. THEREFORE, I MAKE THIS DECREE: IF ANY PEOPLE, WHATEVER THEIR RACE OR NATION OR LANGUAGE, SPEAK A WORD AGAINST THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO, THEY WILL BE TORN LIMB FROM LIMB, & THEIR HOUSES WILL BE TURNED INTO HEAPS OF RUBBLE. THERE IS NO OTHER GOD WHO CAN RESCUE LIKE THIS!" THEN THE KING PROMOTED SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO TO EVEN HIGHER POSITIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON."
- What did God do for Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego that they never could have done on their own?
- Why did God rescue them ?

3. ZECHARIAH 4:6b "NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY—YOU WILL SUCCEED BECAUSE OF MY SPIRIT, THOUGH YOU ARE FEW AND WEAK."

Fill in the blanks from page 91

- When we surrender ourselves to "GOD, IF" instead of "WHAT IF", we transfer our hope to G\_\_\_\_\_ instead of our own S\_\_\_\_\_ - E\_\_\_\_\_.
- Surrender to Jesus is not giving up, it is giving O\_\_\_\_\_ our control to J\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Is it time for you to get out of God's way and let Him fight your latest battle for you? Fill in the blanks form page 92, to find the 3 indicators that it is time for you to give control over to Jesus.

- You realize that all of your best E\_\_\_\_\_, including time and money, aren't E\_\_\_\_\_ for real lasting change.
- You are trying to C\_\_\_\_\_ another person's behavior by F\_\_\_\_\_ them.
- Your attempts leave you feeling D\_\_\_\_\_, disappointed, or D\_\_\_\_\_.

5. JOSHUA 3:14B "AT THIS, JOSHUA FELL WITH HIS FACE TO THE GROUND IN REVERENCE. "I AM AT YOUR COMMAND," JOSHUA SAID, "WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR SERVANT TO DO?"

- Joshua surrendered his heart, mind, body and soul to God's direction. Read pages 92-93 and tell what Jesus teaches you about surrender.
- Is there any part of your life un-surrendered to Jesus in this moment? You don't have to fight this worry on your own anymore. Use the prayer on page 93 to give Jesus complete control over your heart, mind, body, and soul right now. Then write your own prayer of surrender here.

### MORE TOOLS TO "WIN OVER WORRY" THIS WEEK:

BETH MOORE DVD: CAST THAT THING (find on youtube ~ Watch the full teaching entitled The Basket Case Sept., 2017)

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