

Faith Fight Podcast - Recovering All

Whatever the circumstances was, we may have experienced loss because of our own actions or because of other people. I recently heard of someone who had their house broken into and everything stolen or destroyed. This is an act of the devil and we know his agenda is to steal kill and destroy... But with God You can recover all that you have lost. That is what this episode is about.

*Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. - **Isaiah 61:7-8 NIV***

We may suffer for many reasons, our own mistakes, someone else's mistakes or injustice. When we suffer because of others or because of injustice, God is angry. God in his mercy says that his people have suffered enough. God will reward those who suffer because of injustice or wrongdoing of others. He will settle all accounts.

*"After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters." - **Job 42:10-13 NIV***

Job humbles himself after God responds to him. Once his attitude towards God changes then God restored all of his material possessions and family. He even receives more blessings than he had before. So, those who persist in trusting God will be rewarded.

*"Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things. Who is like you, God? Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once more." **Psalms 71:19-21 NIV***

This entire psalm is on God's faithfulness from childhood to old age. Our lives are a testimony of what God has done for us. If you are lacking anything or were wronged just remember that trials make up your testimony and God will get the last word on your story. Keep trusting him to recover all for you.

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.” **1 Peter 5:10-11 NIV**

When we are suffering, we often feel as though our pain will never end. Peter gave these faithful Christians the wider perspective. In comparison with eternity, their suffering would last only a little while. All of God’s faithful followers are assured of an eternal life with Christ where there will be no suffering.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” **John 10:10 NIV**

In contrast to the thief who takes life, Jesus gives life. The life that he gives right now is abundantly richer and fuller. Life in Christ is lived on a higher plane because of his overflowing forgiveness, love and guidance. This is the only way that you can truly have a full life on earth and after your life on earth is over.

In that day “I will restore David’s fallen shelter— I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins and will rebuild it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name, declares the Lord, who will do these things. - Amos 9:11-12 NIV

God’s covenant with David stated that one of David’s descendants would always sit on his throne. The exile made this seem impossible. But in that day God would raise up and restore the kingdom to its promised glory. The same way that God was able to fulfill this promise with Jesus, He is able to restore you back to a place of glory as you stand on His promises in His word.

They found an Egyptian in a field and brought him to David. They gave him water to drink and food to eat part of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. He ate and was revived, for he had not eaten any food or drunk any water for three days and three nights. David asked him, “Who do you belong to? Where do you come from?” He said, “I am an Egyptian, the slave of an Amalekite. My master abandoned me when I became ill three days ago. We raided the Negev of the Kerethites, some territory belonging to Judah and the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag.” David asked him, “Can you lead me down to this raiding party?” - 1 Samuel 30:11-15

The Amalekites just recently plundered David’s camp and took all they had. They cruelly left this slave out to die but God used him to lead David and his men to the Amalekite camp. David and his men treated him kindly and he returned the kindness by leading them to the enemy. Treat those you meet with respect and dignity because you never know how God will work through them to help you recover all.

Weekly Prayer Plan – Recovering All

How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

Time: _____

Place: _____

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS** Matt 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God’s goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS** Matt 6:11 “Give us today our daily bread.”

We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.

Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:

Meditational Verses

Monday: ***Psalms 71***

Tuesday: ***John 10:10***

Wednesday: ***Isaiah 61***

Thursday: ***1 Peter 5***

Friday: ***Amos 9***

Saturday: ***Job 42***

Sunday: ***1 Samuel 30***

Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

6. **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.