

Defining Moments

Proverbs 3:25-26 "Have no fear of sudden disaster . . . for the Lord will be your confidence."

Matthew 8:23-27 - Jesus and the storm

5 FACTS ABOUT CRISES...

1. They are inevitable

James 1:2 "When you face trials . . ."

2. They are variable

✓ Situational

Proverbs 1:27

✓ Relational

Psalms 102:7-8

✓ Emotional

Job 30:22

3. They are impartial

Matthew 5:45 "He sends the rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

4. They are unpredictable

Matthew 8:24 "Without warning a furious storm came up . . ."

5. I can choose my response to crisis

HOW TO FACE AN UNEXPECTED CRISIS

Refocus on God's closeness

Matthew 8:23 "Then (Jesus) got into the boat and His disciples followed Him."

Isaiah 43:1-2 "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you."

Rely on God's care

Mark 4:38 "The disciples said to Him, Teacher, don't You care if we drown?"

Ps. 112:6-9 (LB) "The (believer) will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it. He does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that God will take care of him. That is why he is not afraid but can calmly face his foes."

Rely on God's control

Mark 4:36 "Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, `Quiet! Be still!' Then the winds died down and it was completely calm."

Psalms 91:1-5 "Whoever goes to the Lord for safety . . . and protection . . . can say to Him `You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in You I trust. He will keep you safe from all hidden danger . . . you need not fear."