

## HOW TO DEAL WITH DISCOURAGEMENT

### **Jeremiah 20:7 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> *O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.*

What do you do when your marriage suddenly collapses and the home you have been building for thirty years become scattered?

What do you do when you suffer serious attack from those you assisted?

### **2 Kings 4:1 (The Message)**

<sup>1</sup> *4 One day the wife of a man from the guild of prophets called out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead. You well know what a good man he was, devoted to GOD. And now the man to whom he was in debt is on his way to collect by taking my two children as slaves.”*

#### **A. ALLOW THE LORD TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SITUATION**

### **Psalm 55:22 (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> *Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*

#### **B. SEE THE DIVINE POSSIBILITY IN YOUR SITUATION**

Believe that the blessing and the breakthroughs you need lie in divine possibilities.

You must live in the consciousness that every problem has an end.

Do not live in the consciousness that your affliction and trials will not end.

Believe that your trials are over. Miracles begin when you see divine possibilities.

When you know that God can do it again in your life, you realize that your troubles, sickness, financial embarrassment, fear and satanic attack can come to an end.

You must begin to see divine possibilities in your situation:

### **She called out to Elisha – She believed in divine possibilities**

#### **2 Kings 4:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> *Elisha said, “I wonder how I can be of help. Tell me, what do you have in your house?”*

*“Nothing,” she said. “Well, I do have a little oil.”*

<sup>3-4</sup> *“Here’s what you do,” said Elisha. “Go up and down the street and borrow jugs and bowls from all your neighbors. And not just a few—all you can get. **Then come home and lock the door behind you, you and your sons. Pour oil into each container; when each is full, set it aside.**”*

#### **C. BELIEVE THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**

### **Mark 9:23 (KJV)**

<sup>23</sup> *Jesus said..., If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

#### **2 Kings 4:5-7**

<sup>5-6</sup> *She did what he said. She locked the door behind her and her sons; as they brought the containers to her, she filled them. When all the jugs and bowls were full, she said to one of her sons, “Another jug, please.” He said, “That’s it. There are no more jugs.” Then the oil stopped.*

<sup>7</sup> She went and told the story to the man of God. He said, “Go sell the oil and make good on your debts. Live, both you and your sons, on what’s left.”

#### **D. DON'T GIVE UP**

Don't give up when you are surrounded by problems and your world seems to be falling apart. Don't give up even if you feel that all hope is lost.

#### **Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)**

<sup>18</sup> Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

#### **Job 22:29 (KJV)**

<sup>29</sup> When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

#### **1- CRY OUT TO GOD WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE MIDST OF FIRE OF AFFLICTION.**

#### **Isaiah 12:2-3 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. <sup>3</sup> Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

#### **2- DETERMINE TO RESIST THE ENEMY WITH ALL YOUR HEART.**

#### **Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

#### **James 4:7-8 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

<sup>8</sup> Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

#### **3- REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS**

#### **Philippians 4:4-7 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. <sup>6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

#### **Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)**

<sup>6-7</sup> Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.