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Daily Devotional - Thursday, September 9, 2022 - The Danger of an Unbelieving Heart

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Hebrews 3:12-19

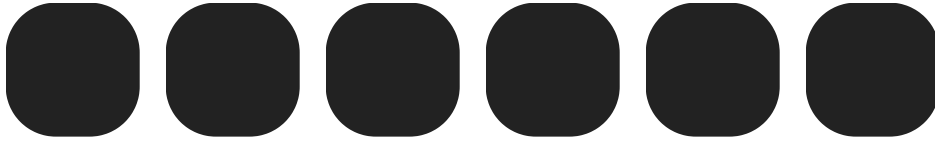
The Bible warns about the peril of an unbelieving heart. Israel plunged into unbelief with frightful regularity. It's amazing how quickly they forgot the miraculous marvels by which God delivered them from slavery. An evil heart of unbelief will readily overlook the promises of milk and honey in favor of the leeks and onions of Egypt (Numbers 11:5).

We need to realize that unbelief is a poisonous root of all kinds of evil. It's a blasphemy that strikes at the very character of God, accusing Him of being untrue, unfaithful, and unreliable. This hideous cancer gnaws at the spiritual health of churches, and God warns us that those with unbelieving hearts are in danger of falling away.

That's why we're told to encourage one another day by day. We need each other to come alongside in times of doubt to persuade us to stay in the Word, keep our focus on Christ, and hold fast to our faith throughout life. A growing, intimate relationship with the Lord will keep our hearts tender and receptive to Him. Then we'll have assurance that our salvation is genuine so we can enter the rest He's prepared for His followers.

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[John 14:25-29](#)

Suppose you're faced with the most tragic situation you could possibly envision. For some of you, this requires little or no imagination because you are presently in the middle of the toughest trial of your life.

Here's what it looked like for the disciples: Their hopes and dreams were shattered when Jesus broke the news of His imminent departure. Life as they'd known it was coming to an end. Yet Jesus assured them that He was leaving His peace with them. This was His will for them, and it's still what He desires for us today.

The key to experiencing the peace of Christ is to believe in Him ([John 14:1](#)). But in addition to believing in Him, we must also trust what He says. God always works for our good, even in hardship. Trusting His motive and purpose is the basis for our peace.

Life is an obstacle course with trouble lurking around every corner. It's not a matter of *whether* storms and trials will come, but *when*. Yet we don't have to live in fear and anxiety, because it's God's will that we take hold of His peace by trusting Him.

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Romans 5:1-2

Most of us want peace in our heart, our relationships, and the world. But the most important area of peace is with God. Without it, we're doomed. When Adam and Eve sinned, a barrier was erected between humanity and the Creator. The harmony that had previously existed between God and man was destroyed, and only God could restore it.

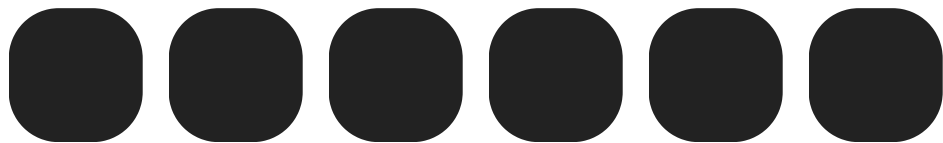
The cost of reconciliation was the horrific death of God's Son as He hung on the cross, bearing the weight of mankind's sin. That day Jesus Christ paid the full penalty for our transgressions. At the moment of His death, the massive temple veil dividing the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies was torn in two from top to bottom, signifying that reconciliation had been accomplished. Now peace with God was possible.

Though an instrument of brutality and death, the cross will stand forever as a symbol of peace. But peace with God is given only to those who through faith receive Jesus as their Savior (John 1:12-13). What greater peace could there be than the certainty of perfect harmony with God? Have you received this gift?

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[2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)

Too often we let our circumstances determine our attitude. If life is going smoothly, then we feel good, but when it gets hard, our mood drops. As Christians, we don't have to live this way. Like the apostle Paul, we can learn to be content with whatever God brings or allows in our life.

God allows various kinds of suffering to help us mature in faith and become more like Jesus. (See [Romans 5:3-5](#).) In these situations, contentment is the ability to accept life as it is—not wanting anything more or different. Such acceptance is possible only if we maintain a biblical perspective and rely on God's strength in our weakness. But if we fight against our circumstances, we'll be miserable because we're resisting the Lord and His purposes for us. He's working out His perfect plan through each event in our life—even the ones we don't like. (Of course, when hardship is due to abuse or certain other sinful situations, pastors or Christian counselors can help us discern whether self-protection is necessary.)

Submission and trust are essential for contentment. As long as we try to control the situation or maneuver our way out of it, we'll be stressed and discontent. But if we realize that whatever God allows is for our good, we'll be able to surrender our will and desires. Then, by relying on the Lord's wisdom and strength, we'll discover the contentment only He can give.

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[Genesis 39:6-20](#)

Joseph's enslavement lasted for 13 years and went from bad to worse. He lost his favored position in Potiphar's household and went to prison when the master's wife told lies about him. His hope for release from jail died when the king's servant forgot his promise ([Genesis 40:14](#); [Genesis 40:23](#)). His future looked bleak.

Despite the evidence of circumstances, God was carrying out His plan to bless Joseph and his entire family. In fact, Joseph was God's appointed person to rescue them from the coming famine. But for that to happen, he had to learn the Egyptian language and culture, develop leadership abilities, and mature spiritually. The Lord's plan made it all possible.

Joseph learned two helpful lessons. First, the Lord is a faithful companion who uses our troubles to prepare us for His work. Second, once the Lord has accomplished His purposes, the difficulty

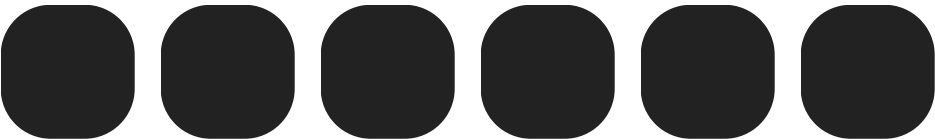
will end. At God’s chosen moment, Joseph was freed from jail, rewarded with a high-ranking appointment, and reconciled with his family.

Adversity can be painful, but the Lord uses it to further His purposes and equip us to carry out His plan. What is He trying to teach you in the midst of your trials?

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