

CALL FOR BACK-UP

Through our trials and tribulations God is always there. He will rescue us and be our support, if we call in Him.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ "Backup" can mean different things: e.g., a traffic jam on a street; an extra copy of important documents; singers/musicians supporting the "front"; the giving of approval; something in your kitchen drain; or, an alternate plan.
- ❖ In this lesson, "backup" refers to what someone gives when you need help or support.
- ❖ When you turn your eyes to the Lord, He comes to your rescue. When you don't know what to do, call on the Lord for backup, because when the Lord is on the scene, you will be preserved and your enemies destroyed. God is your Deliverer. He will protect you and surround you like a shield. Call for backup.
- ❖ "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15).
- ❖ Have you ever been in a situation feeling you are drowning in despair? You don't know what to do, who to turn to, where to go, how to fix the situation, or when it's going to be over.
- ❖ You lie in bed, crying until you fall asleep. You are overwhelmed with the circumstances that surround you. Your mind is clogged with your current reality; you cannot think straight. Your whole body is emotionally drained. You're afraid to talk because if you open your mouth, you may start crying.
- ❖ How did people in the Bible respond to experiences like these?
- ❖ Judah's king, Jehoshaphat, heard that the Moabites, the Ammonites and others were coming against Judah. These enemies wanted to run them out of the land that the Lord gave them.
- ❖ Then, 2 Chronicles 12:13 says, "Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the Lord." Why? They did not know what to do, so they called for backup.
- ❖ In a time of need, David sent this distress signal: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. ²I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me. ³I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God. (Psalm 69:1-3)
- ❖ Sometimes you may not have the words to cry out for help, but your tears and your whispers of the name of Jesus go up to His throne room.
- ❖ Your circumstances may not change right away,

KEY SCRIPTURES: 2 Chronicles 20:1; 5-13, 17

- but God sends you help. He hears you, comforts you and gives you peace. He hears and He will rescue you.
- ❖ Call on Him for backup.
 - ❖ Understand, Jesus is not your "backup plan." He is the first one you should call on – not the second or third. He's the backup you need in every situation – good, bad, or indifferent!
 - ❖ Sometimes God doesn't even want you in the fight. All you need to do is stand still and see *His* salvation (2 Chron. 20:17) because the battle is not yours, but God's.
 - ❖ Sometimes all you need to do is open your mouth and start to worship your God. He loves and inhabits your praise (Psalm 22:3).
 - ❖ Your judgement may be clouded, thinking God has lost some power, but "... thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, amen" (Matthew 6:13b). Not just today or tomorrow or next week or next year, but *forever* the power, the glory and the kingdom belong to God.
 - ❖ The Bible says, that "He who is in us" is greater than "he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). While the enemy is seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8), the Holy Ghost is seeking whom He may *empower*.
 - ❖ Call on the divine source in you and He will back you up. He will come to your rescue.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. How do the following scriptures give us confidence and comfort in times of need?
 - ◆ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5a
 - ◆ Isaiah 43:2
 - ◆ Psalm 91:14-16
 - ◆ Psalm 145:18-19
 - ◆ Isaiah 65:24
 - ◆ Psalm 34:5
2. Share other scriptures that have helped, or could help, you/others in "desperate times".
3. Choose a scripture as your individual prayer, as you close your session together.

PRAYER TIME

Lord, if I didn't know that You are my backup in every situation, what would I do? Thank You or Your abiding presence and power. Amen.

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↺ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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Start-up: Who would you trust most in an trust-building exercise (e.g. fall back and trust someone to catch you)? What makes you trust them?