

Turn It Around for Good

A. Turnarounds God Did in the Bible

1. God turned it around for Joseph as noted in Genesis 50:20.
 - a. What if Joseph had given up in prison as it describes in Chapter 41 of Genesis?
 - b. Without his perseverance, there would not have been no food in the famine, and his family, the future Hebrew nation, would not have been saved.
 - c. Joseph's faith and forgiveness became the key that turned his trials into triumph, fulfilling his God-given destiny.

B. God Works Through You to Bring the Turnaround

1. God partners with Believers who hear and do His Word as it says in James 1:22.
 - a. What if Noah did not obey God to build the Ark and bring all the animals into it?
 - b. What if Moses didn't encourage the people to step into the miracle of the Red Sea?
 - c. What if Joshua had not obeyed God to march around Jericho?
 - d. What if David did not obey God to become the next king?
 - e. Each turnaround requires you, as a Believer, to take a leap of faith and move forward.
2. Faith requires action before you see the results with your physical eyes. Your belief will cause you to see it first with your "eyes of faith," referred to in Hebrews 11:10 (TPT).
 - a. Jesus requires you to be obedient as a hearer and a doer.
 - b. What if Peter didn't use his faith to obey and cast the nets on the other side of the boat?
3. Obedience to God is only possible when we hear His voice correctly.
 - a. Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
 - 1) This verse emphasizes the importance of God's spoken Word as the means through which faith grows stronger.
 - 2) God's Word must be spoken and activated to be function in the spirit realm.

- 3) Listening to godly teaching is vital for maturing in faith and learning to believe in God's Word.
 - 4) That is one reason why affirming God's Word is a powerful faith tool.
 - b. John 10:27, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me".
 - 1) Challenges in your life may indicate that you are not hearing God's voice clearly enough for His guidance to help you avoid them.
 - 2) You cannot follow Jesus, our Shepherd, well without a close relationship that enables you to hear His voice and see Him regularly.
 - 3) This means you must continue developing those skills. If you haven't yet learned them on your own, you can sharpen them by attending all the services at ABC Church or watching the video recordings of any you missed.
 - c. Acts 22:14-15 (AMPC), "14 And he said, The God of our forefathers has destined and appointed you to come progressively to know His will [to perceive, to recognize more strongly and clearly, and to become better and more intimately acquainted with His will], and to see the Righteous One (Jesus Christ, the Messiah), and to hear a voice from His [own] mouth and a message from His [own] lips; 15 For you will be His witness unto all men of everything that you have seen and heard."
4. Turnaround scriptures:
- a. Deut 31:6, "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."
 - b. Josh 1:9, "Be strong and of good courage... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
 - c. John 11:40, Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"
 - d. 2 Cor 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."
 - e. Eph 3:20, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."
5. Every act of obedience positions you for breakthrough, because God is faithful to turn it around for good!

6. Recommended Affirmation (Acts 22:14-15 AMPC):

In the Name of Jesus, according to Acts 22:14-15, I praise You, Lord, that You are the God of my forefathers; and You have destined and appointed me to come progressively to know Your will [to perceive, to recognize more strongly and clearly, and to become better and more intimately acquainted with Your will], and to see You, (Jesus, my Messiah), the Righteous One and to hear a voice from Your [own] mouth and a message from Your [own] lips every day continually; and in the Name of Jesus, I am Your witness unto all people of everything that I see and hear that, You, God, are teaching me. Amen.