

What Do You Do When Life Goes From Bad to Un-Bearable?

Ex. 5:4

“Then the king of Egypt said to them, Moses and Aaron; why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your labor. Pharaoh said: “Look, the people of the land are many now, and you make them rest from their labor!”

Ex. 5:6-9

The same day, Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying, “You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. For they are idle; therefore, they cry out, saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’ Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labor in it, and let them not regard false words.”

- Upon the request from the Lord through Moses to let His people go and worship Him, Pharaoh’s response was to take away the provision of straw the Israelites were using to make bricks to construct buildings for the Egyptians.
- His harshness was designed to punish them and make life harder for them so they wouldn’t have time to think about considering the words of Moses that the Lord was calling them to worship HIM.

Their situation was already **BAD**, now it was becoming **UNBEARABLE!**

- Their work load was bad before, but now it was becoming unbearable without the straw being provided.

What do you do when life goes from bad to unbearable?

- Pharaoh was a type of our enemy – the devil.
- Egypt was a type of the world – the chains and slavery and sin with its grip on our lives.
- Their taskmasters were beating them with whips, making them work in unbearable circumstances, now they were driving them even harder to produce the same amount of bricks as before.
- Pharaoh keeps putting more on them, a heavier load.

This text reveals a flaw of the enemy that he overplays his hands when he attacks God’s people:

- The enemy always overplays his hand and comes against us to cause situations to become worse and harder than they were before.

- If he would just leave the bad situation alone once he makes it bad and not pile on more and more, people would stay in their misery and not do much about it.
- As Pharaoh worked them severely, that is how the enemy & sin works against us.
- He doesn't leave you in the place you are in, but always tries to put more on you to overwhelm you. That's the nature of the enemy is to kill – steal – destroy; and he's never content until you are destroyed.

WHEN BAD BECOMES UNBEARABLE, THEN DELIVERANCE TAKES PLACE!

- **The enemy is forcing you into the arms of God** – to get to that place where you realize you don't have what it takes to make it through what you're going through.
- At some point in our lives, when the bad becomes unbearable; it is going to turn our hearts back to God.
- At some point – people turn to God in desperation.
- What is your point? How much does it take of the devil's pressure to cause you to turn your heart over to the Lord?
- This is what is happening in individual's lives, & in the life of America as a nation. The enemy is pushing and piling more and more on people until the pressure, the problems, the challenges are just too much.

It is all going to come to this: MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME TO THEIR SENSES AND REALIZE THEY CAN'T MAKE IT LIKE THIS ANYMORE – AND ARE GOING TO TURN TO THE LORD FOR HIS ANSWERS.

Yet, there will still be many who continue to harden their stubborn wills and hearts and go their own way and suffer greatly for the path they have chosen.

When bad things become unbearable – good things start happening!

- Truly, in all my years of ministering to people – they usually never come to the Lord when everything is going good in their lives.
- You don't see them when they have a good job, money is flowing, cars, houses, properties, life is on the upswing.
- It's when all hell has broken loose and they've lost their job, their marriage is suffering, their kids are hooked on drugs or pregnant or in a gang, they've been diagnosed with a disease, they're homeless and lost it all.
- I'm not making light of people in trouble: typically, that's what gets our attention and causes us to realize we can't make life happen on our own.

Something is missing and His name is Jesus.

God may not have been your **first choice – but HE has become your **last chance!****

- When God's not your first choice but has become your last chance because you've become so overburdened with life's issues that you cry out to God – **that is when the miracle happens.**

Life becomes so bad:

- **People say they think they better pray.**
- **People decide they better get to church where they can hear something to help them.**
- **It's so bad and unbearable, I can't go another day without God's help.**

This is where people's lives are today:

- I want to say something to you today – I can pray for you, counsel you, encourage you, preach/teach you; BUT UNTIL YOU ARE WILLING TO DO YOUR PART AND PRAY, HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD – REPENT [CHANGE YOUR MIND AND WAYS] AND WANT HIS WILL FOR YOUR LIFE – NOTHING IS GOING TO CHANGE FOR YOU.
- No human being can do for you what you are supposed to do for yourself in having a personal relation with the Lord.
- Jesus has provided a personal – one on one prayer line for you to use to call and God to help you. Jesus paid for this relationship with His very life and blood and sacrifice.

Nothing will take the place of you finding your place in an altar of prayer and praying through until you surrender yourself to God and let heaven touch you and deliver you: save your life – save your marriage – save your kids – save your whatever needs to be saved.

There is a move of God's Spirit in America that is calling out to God for Him to restore – revive – save America – save families – save marriages.
Return our hearts back to the Lord as our 1st love.

It's a call that is saying: **“IT'S ENOUGH OF THIS LIFE WITHOUT GOD – WE ARE GOING TO TURN BACK TO GOD”**
WE NEED GOD AGAIN IN THIS NATION – OUR FAMILIES – OUR MARRIAGES.

You've pushed us too far devil – the bad has just got unbearable – we are not going to take this anymore in my house – this congregation – my nation – state – neighborhood – community.

It's when you cry out: **“I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.”** That is when you really cry out to God.

Psa. 119:126 “It is time for You to act, O Lord, for they have regarded Your law as void. They have broken all Your laws.”

- God responds when things get really bad – because we turn to Him then.
- The darker it gets, the worse it gets; that’s the best time for God to work.

Matt. 16:18 “...I will build My church; and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

- The church works the best right at the gates of hell.
- So if the gates of hell have come to your house; that’s where God will do His greatest work.
- If the gates of hell have come to your job; that’s where God will do His greatest work.
- Wherever, if the gates of hell have come against your health, family; that is where the Lord will do His greatest work.

Isa. 59:19 “When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.”

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“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight [for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives].”

- We all know what it’s like for the enemy to come in like a flood.
 - Out of nowhere, suddenly and ferociously he appears and attacks and hits us with terror - pain and fear.
- God’s Word: **Psa. 91:5** “You shall not be afraid of the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day.”

Prov. 3:25-26 “Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation [storms, destruction] of the wicked, when it comes. For the Lord shall be your confidence, and shall keep your foot from being taken.”

Rom. 5:20 “Where sins abounds, **grace** did much more abound.”

- 1st Abounds = “abundant, make to increase.”
- 2nd abounds = abound much more, exceeding.
- Grace much more and exceedingly overcomes sin.

God is always more than what the world and sin has to offer us.

- He is always more grace than sin.
- Always more light than darkness.
- Always more victory than defeat.

When bad becomes unbearable – good things happen:

- Joseph had a dream promising a wonderful future; and he ended up stripped of his coat – identity and thrown into a pit. It all went backwards.
- Sold into Egypt and lied on by a woman and ended up in a prison. Another step backward.
- Serves 13 years in prison for a crime he never committed. Another step backward.
- The cupbearer and the baker forgot him. Another step backward.
- He gets tired and finally sits down and when he does he finds there is a thrown under him.

God is going to take you where He told you He was going to take you and it doesn't matter if you're moving forward in it or reversing into it – it doesn't matter – God is going to get you there.

God could be backing you into your miracle and His blessing for your life.

- We think He always moves us in a forward progress, but sometimes its backwards; but it doesn't matter – your destiny is still there.

It gets so unbearable:

- You turn Facebook off
- You stop Tweeting.
- You stop Texting.
- You turn the TV off.
- You get your face in The Book
- You walk and you pray, and you cry and you take your Bible in your car and at lunch you fast and go find time with the Lord and cry out to Him.
- And suddenly God shows up!

You need to understand your spiritual vacation is over: if you don't get serious with God:

- You are going to lose your family.
- You are going to lose your marriage
- You are going to lose your joy and your relation with God and those you love most.
- You are going to lose everything – you have to have God!
- No more games!

Hopefully, you will make a choice this morning to surrender to God and the enemy will leave here today wishing he'd left you alone: You wouldn't have ended up in this altar.

- Because of that last doctors report.

- Because of that bankruptcy notice.
- Because of that note left on the counter that she/he can't take it anymore and they are leaving you.
- That realization that you are codependent on that pill or liquor or substance or website.

Luke 15 The Prodigal Son

- Left his father's house – bad
- Squandered his inheritance in wild living – bad.
- Lost all his friends because he didn't have any money – bad
- Ended up unemployed – bad
- Found job in a pig pen feeding pigs – bad for a Jewish boy. = “UNBEARABLE.”

Something clicked and he realized: that was bad, that was bad, that was bad, but when he got in the pig pen – this is UNBEARABLE.

“I will arise and go back to my father's house where at least the servants have more than I have now. I'm going home.”

But it didn't happen until bad became unbearable!

When bad becomes unbearable, that is when people cry and call out to God for help and deliverance and repentance and God begins to work miracles.

God is saying to you: **TURN TO ME, COME BACK TO ME.
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I'M YOUR LAST CHANCE!**

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