

FAITH UNTO VICTORY

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CHAPTER ONE THE BATTLE STATUS OF LIFE ON EARTH

Note: Before studying this chapter, read Genesis, Chapters 1 to 3 and Romans, Chapter 5 in your Bible.

How often have you thought, “Life would be so good if it wasn’t for the problems we face?” In a world that God created so beautiful, with blue skies, majestic mountains, and beautiful oceans, we see the ugly painful reality of sin, crime, suffering, sickness, war and ultimately death. It almost seems like a battle is going on. In fact, the Word of God, the Bible, tells us that very thing: There is a great war going on in the unseen spiritual realm that affects the world we live in and the life on earth we live.

On the one hand, our Creator, the One, True Living God created man and woman and placed them in a garden and gave them dominion over the earth. He gave them only one command – that they should not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which He had placed in the center of the garden (Genesis 2:16-17). In other words, the one thing man was forbidden to do, was to decide for himself what was right and what was wrong. God alone would do that. Man could control everything else. The day that man ate of this tree, physical death, spiritual death and the power of sin would enter the world.

On the other hand, we see Satan, the devil at work from the very beginning. We know that Satan was formerly an angel Lucifer who held a high position around God’s throne at one time, but pride took root in him and he rebelled against God. Of course, he was cast out of heaven and fell to earth (Isaiah 14:12-17). Apparently, one-third of the angels also rebelled and fell to earth with him and became the demonic powers of this present age. Satan, since he could not strike back directly at God, now attempted to strike back by hurting the masterpiece of God’s creation, mankind.

Today, in our “sophisticated,” technological society, we have all but denied, downplayed, or ignored the reality of the devil. This actually works in his favor, since it’s easier for him to deceive people into going the wrong way. Remember, God is all-powerful and easily defeats the powers of evil. But don’t ever be lulled into ignoring the powers of evil, for this is the explanation of why so much sin, suffering, and misery exist in our world.

In the Garden of Eden, a battle took place. The devil, in the form of a

serpent, tempted the woman, who in turn tempted the man to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When this happened, man let sin and death into the world and surrendered his authority to the evil one, Satan, to enter this world as a spiritual force. Mankind fell into the slavery of sin, and the law of sin and death came into operation in this world.

Ever since the moment of that first sin, a war has been going on for men's souls. Satan has been trying to destroy mankind through sin, suffering and death. Jesus said of the devil, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him." (John 8:44) God, however, sent His Son Jesus to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8) and destroy them He did through His death on the cross and His resurrection on the third day after His death.

The war continues down to this very day and will continue until the last day of human history when Jesus returns to bring Judgement on the earth (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). The Apostle Paul describes this war:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places.

- Ephesians 6:12

Paul realized that the struggles we go through in life are really part of a larger, cosmic battle of good and evil that has touched planet earth. Paul also realized that God, through His Son Jesus, made a way for people to have victory in *every* circumstance of life by using the spiritual power and authority that Jesus won for us through His death on the cross and His resurrection:

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:4

What are the weapons that God has given us to overcome *every* problem we face in this life we live on earth? The weapon I want to focus on in this book is the weapon of faith. As the Apostle John wrote:

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.

- 1 John 5:4

God has given you and me the ability to come to Him with the weapon of faith. This faith, when released to God, will draw from Him an answer, a solution, a victory over the problem we face. I want to encourage you to read and study this book carefully, side by side with your Bible, for here are the basic principles which, if you diligently apply them in your life, will help you walk in a faith that is victorious over every problem you face, a *FAITH UNTO VICTORY!*

CHAPTER TWO HE'S FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES

In this world, where we are in a battle status, a loving God, the One, True Living God Who created the universe and created us, offers us His redeeming love and power. He shows Himself to be a God Who is dependable, faithful, and true. Whenever any individual looks to Him and cries out for help, He answers.

When Solomon dedicated the beautiful temple he had built for God, he remembered how God had been so faithful to father King David and brought him through so many battles:

O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no god like Thee in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart.

- 2 Chronicles 6:14

Hundreds of years earlier, Joshua learned this same truth as he succeeded Moses who had led the Israelites out of Egyptian captivity. As Joshua completed the task of leading the Hebrews into the Promised Land he stated:

Know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the Lord your God spoke concerning you has failed, all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed.

- Joshua 23:14

We see also in the Word of God that the One, True Living God *desires* and *actively seeks* people who will serve Him from their hearts so He can show Himself mighty on their behalf:

For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

- 2 Chronicles 16:9

As we move to the New Testament and examine the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, we see that very same characteristic of His Father in Jesus. The old saying, “Like father, like son” is so very true in the relationship between and manifestations of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul wrote that Jesus Christ “is the image of the invisible God.” (Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:1-3) Jesus Himself said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.” (John 14:9) We read in the Book of Revelation that at the return of Jesus Christ, at the consummation of human history on the last day, Jesus’ name is revealed as Faithful and True (Revelation 19:11).

When we face a situation in life that causes us to fall to our knees and cry out to God for help, we are to approach Him knowing that He is a Heavenly Father Who is Faithful and True and that His Son Who sits at His right hand and is a constant advocate with the Father on our behalf is also Faithful and True (Hebrews 7:25). We serve a God Who can be depended on.

First, God is FAITHFUL. He is faithful to His promises in His Word. God has given us His Word, the Bible, which contains hundreds of promises. These promises are for our well-being. Each promise is given for us, or for our loved ones (we can claim them and pray to God on their behalf) so that we can have a truly successful life, success that is God’s kind of success. We can each know God’s will for our lives and also have the power to fulfill that will. Each promise of God in the Bible is like a capsule He has made available to us and as we pray for and claim that promise in faith, we find that a faithful God will always honor His promises and bring them to pass in our lives.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.” (1 Thessalonians 5:24) And Paul also wrote that God is faithful to *all* His promises for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ: “For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Know this: If you ask God for help in any matter and you ask in a manner consistent with the promises in His Word (2 Corinthians 1:20), ask in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ (John 14:13-14), ask with a right motive (James 4:3), and ask that it will be answered according to God's perfect plan (1 John 5:14-15), you will see God supernaturally move on your behalf every single time! Oh my friend, read this chapter over and over again until it sinks in, because in the problems of life, we have to establish in our hearts the truth that we are dealing with a Faithful God!

Know this: God is FAITHFUL. If you call out to Him in your hour of need:

1. God *will* answer you. God will somehow, in some way, make Himself known to you.

2. God *will* bring His promises in His Word to pass in your life when you call on Him from your heart. God will answer the prayer with what you are asking for or He will answer with something that is better for you in the long run, in His eternal plan. But know this: God is FAITHFUL. He *will* answer you.

Also, we know that God is TRUE. What He has told us in His Word is true. What He has borne witness to in the Resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ is true. Our Lord Jesus prayed for us to the Father: "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth." (John 17:17) We can depend 100% on the truth of God's Word in the Bible. WE can depend 100% on the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can depend 100% on the truth of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). We need look no further than the Bible for all we need that pertains to living and having a successful walk with God (1 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Smith Wigglesworth, the great English evangelist of the early 20th century, rejoiced in the fact that the only book he ever read after accepting Christ as his Savior was the Bible. Pastor Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle wrote, "I firmly believe that I am not allowed to preach what is not in the Bible. It is an exciting enough book as it stands." (Jim Cymbala, *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, page 116.)

God has given us His Word in the Bible so that we will have an un failing instrument for us to find wisdom, understanding, and ability to deal with any problem or issue that confronts our life. It is the key to reaching our Source and His answers by tapping the spiritual riches He's made available to us (Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 1:17-23).

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Down through the centuries, lives have been changed, miracles have happened, when people have come to a Faithful God and believed His Word which is truth. Skeptics, doubters,

unbelievers have wallowed in the mire of earthly wisdom which always falls short of true success. This is why every humanly based society or civilization has always ultimately failed and always will ultimately fail. But the eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ goes on and will endure forever. This truth is so obvious to *anyone who wants to see it*.

So, if you want *FAITH UNTO VICTORY*, settle it in your heart that 1) God is FAITHFUL to His promises and 2) God is TRUE and He has given us His dependable, true Word as an everlasting certain beacon to get us through life.

CHAPTER THREE THE ROLE OF FAITH AND JOY

God is a God Who always takes the initiative in His relationship with us. You did not come to God first on your own; He came to you and invited you to have His salvation. I did not discover God and come to Him on my own; He came to me and invited me to have His salvation. As the Apostle John wrote, “We love, because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) The Lord Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you.” (John 15:16)

God always takes the initiative. In a fallen world that has been damaged and polluted by demonic activity and the operation of the law of sin and death, God has taken the initiative to offer redemption by revealing Himself as the God Who is Faithful and True. He took the initiative in sending His Son for our salvation (John 3:16) and in raising His Son Jesus from the dead and giving Him the title of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Chosen One) so that all people of all time could experience God’s saving and redeeming love through the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. The redeeming effects of this eternal life would be felt both now in this life and in the life to come.

Every time God takes an initiative with people, it is necessary for people to respond. They may respond positively and accept God’s initiative, or, they may respond negatively and reject God’s initiative. Even you, as you read this book, must respond to the initiative God is taking with you right now. Thus, the God Who takes the initiative with us by revealing Himself as Faithful and True requires that we respond to Him.

If we respond to God with a “Yes” that we do indeed accept Him as Faithful and True, then this “Yes” must produce a proper response in our lives. Our lives must bear fruit that shows we have said “Yes” to God. It is a

fact that in order for us to achieve “Faith Unto Victory” over the problems and battles in life, we must move with the *certainty in our heart* that we are calling upon the God Who is Faithful and True. Our “Yes” response to God must bring about very specific fruit in our lives, namely faith and joy.

The Faithfulness and Truth of God, if really accepted in our hearts, must necessarily produce faith and joy. With faith and joy there will always be victory; if faith and joy lack, then victory will indeed be hard to come by.

Faith is the response to God’s Faithfulness. God’s “track record,” God’s reliability, brings forth unshakeable confidence that He will always, consistently, perform what He has promised. There are many excellent books on the subject of faith written by many excellent teachers. Here, however, I just want to give you the basics of what faith is, in a way that is very practical for application in your life.

We know that faith is what moves God’s hand to act on our behalf. We know that faith pleases God. We know that faith says “Yes” God exists and “Yes” God rewards those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is so pleasing to God because faith says, “Yes, God, I believe You *are* faithful. I believe You *will* deliver on Your promises.”

The life of Abraham in the Bible (read Genesis, Chapters 12 to 21) is the prime example of man responding to God’s faithfulness with faith. When God promised Abraham and Sarah a child even though they were past child-producing age, Abraham accepted God’s promise and faithfulness rather than what outward circumstances seemed to dictate. Abraham was “fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.” (Romans 4:21) Sarah also had faith in God’s faithfulness: “By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life since she considered Him faithful who had promised.” (Hebrews 11:11)

In the same way, our “Yes” to God as the God Who is True produces the response of joy in our lives. Joy can be defined as an inner delight, a feeling of being blessed, an inner thrill. (For a fuller study of joy, see Chapter 4 of our book *Seeking God’s Kingdom*, available through Faith On The Earth Publishing, or by writing to Christ’s Chapel.)

Real, wholehearted commitment to the Truth of God brings the response of joy. Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.” (John 15:11) There is joy in knowing there is Someone (God) and something (His Truth) that we can depend upon. Such a joy is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10) that brings us through the battles of life with perseverance. When we are faced with problems, we are told, “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces

endurance.” (James 1:2-3) This joy gives us the ability to always smile, always have a good word available to make every moment edifying, and even to always be able to give a healthy laugh in every situation. This joy is a result of knowing God is truly in control of every situation. In the spiritual realm, this joy frees God’s hand to move mightily on our behalf. If we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will even give us the very desires of our heart (Psalm 37:4).

The responses of faith and joy are so powerful because they directly cancel out the two great spiritual enemies which cause Christians to be defeated: unbelief and murmuring. Faith cancels out unbelief (“My problem is too big for God to solve”) and joy cancels out murmuring (“God can solve my problems but He doesn’t really care”).

Remember, Faith and Joy are necessary to achieve *FAITH UNTO VICTORY*.

CHAPTER FOUR THE COST IS COMMITMENT

Note: Before studying this chapter, read Chapter Three of the Book of Daniel in your Bible.

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is 2 Chronicles 16:9: “For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His...” God will back up those who trust Him. He’ll even do for someone whose heart belongs to Him what people think is impossible. But the price is that we have to be sold out to God. The cost is commitment.

In Daniel, Chapter 3, we see three young Hebrew men who were faced with a serious choice: either be totally committed to God and possibly suffer death, or compromise their faith in order to live.

When King Nebuchadnezzar built a golden statue 90 feet high and gave the command that all his subjects were to bow down and worship it at the sound of the royal musicians’ music, these three young men remembered the very first commandment that Moses had received from the One, True, Living God: “You shall have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:3) They refused to bow. The king even gave them a second chance to bow along with the threat that he would throw them into a fiery furnace if they refused. They again refused to worship the idol.

These young men knew that whenever anyone has faith, that faith will be tested. A person of faith will be tempted, as he stands in faith, to give up. He will either be tempted by Satan, or by outward circumstances, or by his own flesh. But it is the one who stands fast in his faith who receives the prize. This is what makes true faith such a precious commodity in God's eyes. The Apostle Peter wrote, "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:6-7) Any time any Christian takes a stand in faith, his faith will be tested. That is a FACT OF LIFE!

Satan even tried to tempt Jesus when our Lord was in the desert fasting before He began His public ministry. Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. We read:

And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

- Luke 4:6-7

Satan was saying, "Look, Jesus, do it the easy way. Just worship me. You don't have to go to the cross. Just worship me and I'll dump the whole world in your lap, quick, easy, and painless." Of course, Jesus instantly commanded Satan to leave His presence and fought him with the command that God alone should be worshipped.

The young men faced that same choice. In reality it was no choice. They had chosen to stay in faith regardless of what happened. Read what they told the king: "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." (Daniel 3:17-18)

You have already read the rest of the story. The enraged king had them thrown into a furnace made seven times hotter than normal, but at that very moment, the great promise in 2 Chronicles 16:9 was activated on their behalf and God miraculously delivered these young men out of the fiery furnace.

Notice: One of the greatest displays in human history of God's delivering power took place AFTER, NOT BEFORE, three young men decided to be totally sold out to trusting their God, with no possibility in their heart of

ever turning back under any circumstances.

My friend, if we want to come to a place of “Faith Unto Victory” in any given matter in our lives, we must come to a place in our hearts where we forsake the possibility of ever turning away from God, regardless of what we face. There can be no such condition as telling God: “I’ll serve You if...” We are God’s servants; we’ll *not* turn back; we will trust Him *all the way* that He will provide the answer we need and which we have prayed for. We won’t let our hearts fear, murmur, doubt, complain or get into unbelief. I tell you, a “sold out to God” attitude in your heart is noticed by God and is rewarded. “For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely his.” (2 Chronicles 16:9)

CHAPTER FIVE WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE

Note: Before studying this chapter, read in the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 4, verses 35 to 41.

Here we see a very special incident in the life of Jesus and His Apostles when a serious storm arose on the Sea of Galilee and the boat and those in it were threatened. The Holy Spirit made sure this particular incident was recorded in the Bible because it has an appropriate application to every storm in life that you or I or anyone will ever face.

God tells us in this incident that no matter what storms we face in life, if we have faith and trust in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, we’ll make it through because God will bring us through. We might face the storm of serious illness, or desperate financial need, or danger, or bondage to sin or habit, but Jesus will bring us through if we keep our eyes on Him, not on the storm. We don’t deny the reality of the storm, but rather we keep our eyes on the One Who is our Source, the solution to the storm.

We can sum up the apostles’ situation in this particular storm with an important phrase: *The dangers were real, but they were never really in danger.* The storm was real. The waves were crashing over the boat and filling it up. They were experienced fishermen. They knew the real dangers all too well.

But they were never really in danger:

1. Jesus had said, “Let us go over to the other side.” They had set out

in obedience to a command of their Lord. The best place to be in life is in obedience to God.

2. Jesus was in the boat with them. If they truly believed He was the Son of God, they would not have feared. Also they should have known Jesus had a destiny. He had to go to Jerusalem and take up the cross and die to pay the price for the forgiveness of sins. He couldn't fulfill that destiny if the boat sank in a storm.

Nevertheless, they were panic-stricken and fearful in the face of very real danger. They ran to the back of the boat to wake up Jesus. It's one thing to *talk* faith; it's another thing to *exercise* faith in the middle of a storm.

After they woke Jesus, He got up and spoke to the storm. And immediately, everything became *perfectly* calm, almost as if nothing had ever happened. Then He asked them why they had so little faith.

In Jesus' question to His apostles, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (Mark 4:40), He reveals one of the most basic principles of "Faith Unto Victory": The believer must have a knowing in his heart, that no matter how awful outward circumstances may look at a given moment, when "push comes to shove," Jesus will come through with His answer.

So many people in life fall short of getting their miracle from God because *they don't follow through all the way to the end of a situation staying in faith*. They give up or turn back because they think it's too late or things have gone too far. Time and time again in the Bible, however, we see that it's never too late for God. Even though we're at the midnight hour in our situation, we are still to look for God's deliverance. Very often God *will* wait to the midnight hour because that is when He can bring His best miracles. This can make us uncomfortable. I know many times when I have personally been in times of great need, God has always come through, but more often than not, it was been at the last moment, when all human reason says we should give up hope. I've sometimes prayed, "Lord, can't you be early just once?" But then in my heart I know His ways are higher than mine and He always comes through. And I realize that's what's *really* important.

For "Faith Unto Victory," you've got to walk all the way through your situation *to the very end* with God, even when it seems that it's the midnight hour and all will be lost. In our walk of faith, we've always got to resist the temptation to give up, or even worse, walk away from God and back into the world's way of doing things. All is never lost and it's never too late for God. Remember, the Lord Jesus Christ could even raise His friend Lazarus from the dead (John 11) and Jairus' daughter from the dead (Mark 5).

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 6, we read how Jesus challenged His apostles with the task of feeding 5,000 hungry people when there was

virtually no food or money to buy food. The apostles were worried, but Jesus wasn't worried. He was just testing their faith. We read, "This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do." (John 6:6) Of course, we read that Jesus took five loaves and two fish and miraculously multiplied them to feed the 5,000 people. Imagine that! Jesus already had the answer! Isn't that encouraging to you? Do you know what that means? *It means that when you or I pray to God for something, the minute our prayer reaches the Father through Jesus, He immediately has His answer to our problem all worked out.*

Jesus never has to worry about a problem. Nothing we present to Him in prayer can ever stymie Him or confuse Him. The wisdom of God has a perfect solution for every problem. While we are waiting for the manifestation of God's answer, we should not fret or worry or get into unbelief. God already has the answer. He knows what He intends to do! (John 6:6) So, we've just got to keep walking in faith and trust, praising God and thanking Him for the answer.

Remember, if you want "Faith Unto Victory":

1. You've got to walk all the way through your situation faithful to God, because when "push comes to shove," He'll deliver you.
2. Have confidence in God. The minute your prayer reaches God, He already has the answer worked out for you. He already knows what He intends to do!

CHAPTER SIX

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT DECISION

As we come to the end of this book, you have probably figured out certain things by now. First, God is capable of solving any problem you face, even if it requires something that to the natural mind seems impossible. Second, God requires us to do our part, which is that we come to Him in faith believing He *will* act on our behalf and we must remain *steadfast* in our faith and trust *until* His answer comes (Hebrews 11:6).

Right now, you have an important decision to make. First, if you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you must start here. The Word of God tells us that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23) and that our sins separate us from God and prevent our faith from working in our lives (Isaiah 59:1-2). In fact, without Christ, we are spiritually dead (Ephesians 2:1-5). But God's remedy and way of reconciliation is through faith in His Son

Jesus Christ and forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).

God's remedy is more than just an intellectual or "head" knowledge about Jesus Christ. It's a real inner heart conversion where we invite Jesus Christ to come live in our hearts. This is what Jesus called becoming "born again" (John 3:3; 3:5). The Apostle Paul stated that we become a brand new creation in our inner person (2 Corinthians 5:17). Paul stated that "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." (Romans 10:9-10) If you *really* want God to act on your behalf and if you *really* believe in God, the Bible tells us you will also believe in His Son Jesus (1 John 2:23; 1 John 5:10-12).

If you have not asked Jesus Christ to be your Savior, this is the first part of that most important decision you have to make. You can make Jesus your Savior right now by inviting Him into your heart even this very moment simply by praying the following prayer and *meaning* it from your heart. You don't have to be at some special church service or go through some particular religious ritual. You simply pray:

"O God, I am a sinner and I know my sins separate me from You. I need new life. I turn from sin and I accept what your Son Jesus did for me on the cross. He paid the price for my sins, a price I could not pay. Jesus is Lord and I believe You raised Him from the dead. Jesus, I ask You to come live in my heart and give me the new birth and the new life that You talked about. By Your grace and strength I'll live the rest of my life to please You. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen."

If you are a Christian, if you have asked Jesus to be your Savior, then your most important decision is that you must decide to remain steadfast and faithful in your faith and trust that God *will* act on your behalf according to the promises He has made in His Word. You must remain in this trust *until* His answer comes, as *it surely will*. The Bible tells us, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6) (The King James Version uses the word "diligently" as to how we are to seek Him.)

Remember how God acted on behalf of the three young Hebrew men *after* they made it clear to King Nebuchadnezzar they would remain faithful to the One True, Living God regardless of what it cost them (Daniel 3).

Remember how Jesus calmed a life-threatening storm at the very last moment when “push came to shove.” (Mark 4) Remember how God has promised to be faithful to His promises.

Remember that if you ask according to God’s will (1 John 5:14-15) and according to His promises (2 Corinthians 1:20), you *shall* receive God’s favorable action or intervention on your behalf. This requires a “sold out to God” attitude on your part. You must decide you will not let yourself get into unbelief (saying “God can’t solve my problem”) or murmuring (complaining that “God can solve my problem, but He won’t do it for me”).

He has His perfect time and perfect way of answering your prayer, solving your problem, and meeting your need. This requires a commitment from your heart to believe and trust Him. It is a commitment you’ll never regret, for it will bring you FAITH UNTO VICTORY.

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