

## Take it to God

Issues will come up in life whether by choice or otherwise. These are common problems or peculiar problems that happen to normal people living normal lives. Examples of which include job loss, financial crises, health challenges, unsettled relationships, loss of all forms, peer pressure, self-esteem, parenting, among others. These are the struggles of life and life crises; they can be summarized as the bad and ugly things of life.

Now the big questions that require sincere answers:

When crises come, where do you run to?

When you have problems, where do you go to?

When there are challenges, whom do you consult?

When things are not working, who do you listen to?

When you are in a state of breakdown, where do you seek help?

When it seems the whole world is crashing on you, where do you turn to?

When you do not know what to do, what do you do?

Above all, when there are issues of life, what is your reaction?

Peoples' reactions always come in different forms: crying, looking helpless, accepting defeat, committing suicide, taking to drugs, desperate for help, asking and questioning God, among others.

Before I go further, let me reiterate the fact that committing suicide should never be an option under any guise because you do not own your life. This is simply solving temporary problems with permanent damages; it is the way of the cowards.

Are you looking for help anywhere or in the right direction?

There are bits of '*help*' that will leave you worse than you can ever imagine. Asking God has always been the least considered and last option for most challenged people.

The possibility that you will be issue-free or trouble-free is very slim and not a guarantee. Satan was cast down to the earth, together with his angels and their troubles.

**And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

**Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (Rev.12:9,12 KJV)**

**Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. (Zeph.2:5 KJV)**

As long as Satan is on earth, carrying out his duties: to steal, to kill, and to destroy (John 10:10), there will be woes, and thus there will be issues.

Friends, it is not abnormal to have challenges or crises but you being defeated or remaining on the floor is absolutely unacceptable. When Jesus Christ was here during His earthly ministry, He said there will be troubles and challenges in this world. This is just to let us know that if it happens, is not out of place and you should not look dejected but be fully convinced that the battle has been decided in your favor.

**"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."** (John 16:33NLT)

Certain things need to be done before you start looking for help or where to go.

These are the necessary preparations and requirements that must be satisfied for an effective onslaught.

The first and most important of all the requirements is the existence of a tie with Jesus Christ. If you don't belong to him yet, now is the time. Only the children are entitled to the parents' inheritances, it can be through birth or adoption. Accept Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the first and necessary step towards recovery.

The next step is to identify the issue(s) or challenge(s), be specific. This is the area where most people are missing it altogether in their approach. There are so many general merchants in finding solutions (solution seekers) to life challenges.

Identifying the specific problem(s) narrows down the problems to sizeable proportions and thus making finding solutions or the right answers easier.

Determination is of utmost importance, there is a need to be very focused and execute the exercise in a business-like manner. Being lackadaisical does not portray seriousness, or shows someone that needs urgent relief.

The next requirement has to do with obedience, you should be prepared to accept and abide by any instruction or rule that the process entails. You might not like the instructions, the rules might look intimidating, remember, they are for your good.

**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.** (1 John 5:3 KJV)

Also, remember He said; **"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:30 KJV)

The last and also very important is faith, which I can refer to as the main thing. Nothing and I mean nothing can be received without faith. James 1:6-7NIV says:

**"But he must ask in faith, without doubting, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That man should not expect to receive anything from the Lord."**

With all the requirements in place, the journey to recovery is gradually getting into shape.

Now, going back to the questions raised earlier:" where do you run to?"

In locating the right response to this question, Isaiah 9:6 will be our guide.

**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah.9:6 KJV)

Jesus Christ is the right and perfect source you can run to when issues of life come up and stare at you. Crying, looking helpless, accepting defeat, committing suicide, taking to drugs, looking for help anywhere and anyhow, among others are not the right approaches.

Why is Jesus Christ the right and perfect solution to your challenges?

His name as mentioned in the above Bible passage denotes His attributes, characters, features, capabilities, among others.

### **1. Wonderful**

Jesus Christ will make wonders out of your struggles, issues, and challenges.

**"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues".** (Mark 16:17 KJV)

Jesus Christ is an embodiment of Signs and Wonders. He makes wonders out of any situation, conditions notwithstanding.

Why do you think Paul and Barnabas were called gods [Hermes (Mercurius) and Zeus (Jupiter) respectively]?

This happened because they were walking on the path of miraculous, followed by signs and wonders.

Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

<sup>11</sup> And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

<sup>12</sup> And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. (Acts.14:10-12 KJV)

## **2. Counselor**

He is the wisest man you can ever listen to or consult. The wisest man that ever walked on the surface of the planet earth, the wisdom of God.

The counsel of the LORD standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

(Psalm 33:11KJV)

To show the perfections in His counsel, let us see what the Psalmist and Job said concerning this attribute.

The Psalmist says:

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

(Psalm 139:17 NKJV)

Also, Job throughout his travail never regretted obeying His commands.

I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food. (Job 23:12 NKJV)

Taking counsel should not be toyed with, it is very important and most valuable, no wonder the very first line of the book of Psalms is devoted to it.

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful. (Psalm1:1NKJV)

Beware of where you are going for counseling or who your counselor is. Whoever you are listening to or counsels you, determines how your life will be shaped.

Always remember, His thoughts are not your thoughts but one thing is guaranteed: His thoughts will give you an expected end. (Isaiah 55:8-11)

## **3. The mighty God**

He is greater than all your challenges, issues, and troubles combined.

Greater, bigger, larger, and mightier than all your life inconveniences.

“For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed.” (Deuteronomy 10:17NLT)

What next? He will consume all your troubles and you will be completely trouble-free.

For our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:29 KJV)

## **4. The Everlasting Father**

To begin with, Jesus Christ is ever ready to be with you in ALL ways. Let us consider the roles of natural fathers: Research shows that fathers play important roles in the cognitive, social, and emotional development of their children.

They are engaged, available, and responsible for the needs of their children. They are sensitive and supportive, nurturing and affectionate, and comforting and accepting. If the earthly fathers can do the aforementioned, imagine what the heavenly father; our God can do.

For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. (Psalm 107:9 NLT)  
Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? (Romans 8:32 NLT).

He stands for love and represents all that love is all about; ever-loving.

### **5. The Prince of Peace**

He gives peace coupled with all-round rest. It is a promise and an assurance for His people in this troubled world.

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. (Ps.85:8 KJV)  
Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14 27NKJV)

There is always a way in presenting matters, this we call *protocol*.  
Now, how do you present or give your issues to Him?

#### **A. In Prayer**

Take all your issues to Him in prayer. He knows you and all your challenges; nothing is hidden from Him. Ask questions and be ready to listen to His responses.

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.  
(Matthew 21:22KJV)

#### **B. Through Word study and Meditations**

Studying the Bible helps in knowing God's way and will, these guarantee a life of distinction. It can touch the deepest issue and penetrate the toughest materials; no challenge of life refuses its solution(s).

Meditating on the Word of God is giving more mental attention to the Scripture. This is digesting God's Word for profitability; it involves sitting down and being calm. This is a good practice after the study of the Word for better understanding and the right applications.

Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD and like hammer that smashes a rock?  
(Jeremiah 23:29NIV)

#### **C. Through Praise**

Prayers always go up to the throne of God, but praise and thanksgiving bring God down into the midst of the situations or circumstances. God dwells amid thanksgiving, that's why the Psalmist said that he will enter His gate with thanksgiving in his heart.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (Psalm 100:4)

Leave all your issues to God, He is the last station for your life challenges. Whatever He gives, He gives abundantly and unbiasedly (John 10:10).

He promises us the Holy Spirit, even if He is not present physically(in human nature). This is another person of His nature, the third of the trinity, here with us. (John 14:26)

Do not let your heart be troubled, He is ready to take your life issues. (John 14:1).

Finally, cast your troubles and anxieties on Him (1 Peter 5:7). Give Him all your worries and leave them to Him (Ps 55:22), leave them to Him, they are not yours anymore.

Note, you are doing these not out of desperation but for your decorations.

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**