

# DON'T WASTE THE CRISIS

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The purpose of this series of lessons is to share principles that will encourage every disciple to maximize the moment that we are in, and to be fruitful in whatever season which we are in.

To accomplish our purpose we will begin this series by considering briefly, Crisis defined, Crisis Illustrated and Crisis applied.

Remember that it is a matter of principle that God enables the believer to transcend their season through the power of His (God's) word! We are given power to BECOME, power to BUILD, power to BIRTH, empowered to grow BETTER with the turbulence of our context; using that critical moment to realize God revealed promises!

## Crisis Defined

1. What do we mean when we say Crisis?
2. Crisis: the turning point for better or worse like in an acute disease or fever; a paroxysmal attack of pain, distress, or disordered function; an emotionally significant event or radical change of status in a person's life ...; the decisive moment (as in a literary plot); an unstable or crucial time or state of affairs in which a decisive change is impending especially : one with the distinct possibility of a highly undesirable outcome
3. Crises make up all of life. Life is dynamic. Job 14:1
4. Trouble and trials are a “natural part of our existence.” Jn.15; 2Tim [3:12](#)
5. We should not be surprised by the trouble of people, pandemics or principle when the fruit of what we have sown has been reaped or replicated in our lives.

“The crisis is a womb of opportunity.”

1. With the church we see God using critical moments as a stage to do at least three things.
  - REMIND you of your purpose
  - REINVENT you for His plans
  - REVEAL Himself for one's faith

## Crisis Illustrated

1. Scripture is replete with example after example of people who faced unexpected and what seemed to be impossible occasions that served as a womb to birth them

into BECOMING something more than they were. A brief survey will illustrate this notion.

2. In the Patriarchal age we can see:
  - Noah - Global flood to BECOME father of new world.
  - Abraham- Called to the unknown to BECOME father of Faith.
  - Joseph- Betrayed by family to BECOME savior of his Family.
  - Moses- Attempted to be destroyed only to BECOME the Deliverer of a nation.
  - Israel- Enslaved as a family in order to BECOME a nation!
3. In the Mosaic Age we can see:
  - Joshua- Loss of His leader to BECOME Canaan land conqueror!
  - Ruth-Loss Family to BECOME a part of seed line of the Savior
  - David- Faced Giant to BECOME Iconic King
  - Hezekiah- faced sickness and BECOME continuation of Promise
  - Mary and Joseph- teenage pregnancy to BECOME mother of our Lord
  - Jesus- faces the cross to BECOME Messiah
4. In the Christian Age we can see:
  - The church born
  - The church growing
  - The church persecuted
  - The Apostles' challenges
  - Your life!
5. "Whatever you are facing is a womb for you to BECOME more than you are!"

## Crisis Applied

1. The question really is not whether we will deal with Crises, rather what will you BECOME in your crisis!
2. Remember::
  - "We are given power to BECOME, power to BUILD, power to BIRTH, empowered to grow BETTER with the turbulence of our context; using that critical moment to realize God revealed promises! "
3. Every crisis offers the individual going through it an opportunity to BECOME something better or to waste it and grow bitter. A season of trial is pregnant with seeds that allow every individual on occasion to grow into something that redefines, reinvents, and reinforces their resolve for life!
4. How should one make application to face and NOT waste their crisis?
  - One, EXPECT crisis in your life!

- Two, EXERCISE your right to choose to BECOME better OVER being BITTER!
- Three, ENDURE the process by seeing your life from God's vantage point!
- Four, ERASE negative influences by informing yourself about the principles of God's word!
- Five, EXPECT God to move in your life!

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