

Scriptures on Adversity to Meditate Upon

Os Hillman • Adversity

Scriptures on Adversity and Calling

Compiled by Os Hillman

<http://www.intheworkplace.com/apps/articles/default.asp?blogid=1935&view=post&articleid=55304&fldKeywords=&fldAuthor=&fldTopic=156>

Sometimes a man finds his destiny on the road he most seeks to avoid.

People with God-sized destinies...things don't go well with them.

Sometimes God's preparation seems cruel.

STAND FIRM and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring today.

The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you;

YOU NEED ONLY KEEP SILENT.

Exod 14:13

A man must walk as Jesus did

"I suffered, I came in weakness, lowly but powerfull through my weakness You must also experience betrayal, pain, and rejection."

But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Exodus 9:16 Speaking about Pharoah

The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live in it are His. Ps 24:1

Adversity

I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand. - ISA 41:10

I will give you the treasures of darkness, secret things in hidden places, that you may know that I am the Lord who calls you by name.

ISA 45:3

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the waistland. ISA 43:19

Hos 2:14-15

14 'Therefore, behold, I will allure her,

Will bring her into the wilderness,

And speak comfort to her.

15 I will give her her vineyards from there,

And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope;

She shall sing there,

As in the days of her youth,

As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13

See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake I do this. ISA 48:10,11

Black Hole:

"Behold, I go forward but He is not there, And backward, but I cannot perceive Him; When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him; He turns on the right, I cannot see Him." Job 23:3-9

"But He knows the way I take;

When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."

Job 23:10-12

Messes into Messages

He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings deep shadows into the light.

Job 12:22

What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the rooftops. Mt 10:27

But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, he will not listen to you. Exodus 7:3

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn. Ps 18:33-36

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:11-13

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith --of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6,7

But He knows the way I take; when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor 4:17,18

To the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. Proverbs 27:7b

"God gives us the cross, then the cross gives us God." - Jeanne Guyon

In the shelter of your presence You hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. Ps 31:20 (Lord, keep me from the accusing tongue and spirit of accusation.)

Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men

ride over our heads; we went through fire and water but you brought us to a place of abundance. Ps 66:10-12

Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Tim 1:7

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed in us. Rom 8:18

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Eph 4:2

Lord, I will praise you, who counsels me; even at night you instruct my heart. I have set you before me always. Because you are at my right hand I will not be shaken. Ps 16:7,8

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. Phil 1:12

Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh 8:10

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Cor 12:9

And the God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you, and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:10

If my people would but listen to me, if Israel would but follow my ways, how quickly would I subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

Ps 82:13

Search me, oh God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23

I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. ISA 57:15

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways.

ISA 64:4-5

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband -- the Lord almighty is his name--the Holy One of Israel is your redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth. The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit-- a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God. "for a brief

moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord your Redeemer.

Isa 54:4-8

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

Ps 28:7

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Ps 34:18

"But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside.

I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:10-12

A thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Gen 15:12

(Birthing of a nation by Abraham can be painful)

Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. ISA 50:10 But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires (vs God's) and of the torches you have set ablaze. This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down

Isa 54:17: no weapon formed against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

Satan's 3 Pillars of Sin

Pride. Possessions. Passions.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the father is not in him. for everything in the world--the CRAVINGS OF SINFUL MAN, the LUST OF THE EYES, and the boasting of what HE HAS and DOES--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and all its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1JN 2:16-17

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price; therefore honour God with your body.

1 Cor. 6:18-20

It is God's will that you be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him.

1 Thess 4:3-5

Calling and Direction

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we walk in his paths."

ISA 2:2,3

I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. ISA 48:17 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. Jn 17:4 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. Ps 33:16:19

It was not by your sword that they won the land, nor did their army bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm and the light of your face, for you love them.

Ps 44:3

And you will seek me and find me, when you search for me with all your heart. Jer 29:13,14v

If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people. Ex 33:13

If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?

Ex 33:15,16

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" 2 Chron 16:9

To He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil 16

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. Phil 1:13

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Ps 139:16

Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him; the Lord confides in those who fear him; He makes his covenant known to them. Ps 25:12,14

And whatever you do, do heartily, as unto the Lord, not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive your inheritance, for you serve the Lord Christ. Col 3:23,24

Natural vs Led by Spirit

Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man boast in his might, nor the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness.

Jer 9:23

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. Ps 20:7

Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the

desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jer 17:5-8

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit," sayeth the Lord.

Zech 4:6

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear them, on those whose hope is in his unflinching love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. Ps 33:16-19
The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Ps 34:10

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6,7

And my God shall supply all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19

Tell me, what do you have in your house? "your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a little oil." (she collected jars from neighbors and God filled jars with oil. She then sold them to meet her needs) what is in your hand?

For the son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. Lk 19:10

The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders in the public colonnade, (where the people could see them.) Acts 5:12

No one else joined them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Acts 5:13

For the weapons of our warfare are not flesh, but mighty before God, to the pulling down of strongholds and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. 2 cor 10:4,5

Provision and Direction

I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant. Josh 24:13

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deers, He makes me tread on my high places. Habakkuk 3:17-19

He brought me forth into a large place; He delivered me, because He delights in me. Ps 18:19

Competition

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. Ps 16:5,6

We, however, will not boast beyond our proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that even reaches to you.

We are not going too far in our boasting, as would be the case if we had not come to you, for we did get as far as you with the Gospel of Christ. Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others.

2 Cor 10:13-15

He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

For in Him we live and move and have our being. Acts

17:26;28

To this John replied, "A man can receive only what God gives him from Heaven".

John 3:27

Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy one of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17

Love

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. Mt 5:44 (even your competitors, even your wife) Because your security is in Christ.

I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power, through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together, with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know that love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph 3:16-19

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you. Mt 6:33

If I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor, and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 1 Cor 13:2

I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus my Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Natural vs Spiritual

When God is in it...it flows.

When the flesh is in it its forced,

So he said to me, This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit' says the Lord almighty (Zech 4:6)

In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Prov 16:9

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. Prov 3:5,6

1. If you don't break through in the spiritual realm, don't do the physical.

Joshua 6 walls of Jericho

2. Don't reach for the power (Jesus operated from humility, servanthood and spiritual power from his Father. He did only what He saw the Father doing.

ie Billy Graham story

3. You almost have to withhold your natural gifting to insure God is in it.

ie, book publishing 9 to 5 window

Presumption vs Faith - David & the Ark

When they came to the threshing

Floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.

2 Sam 6:6,7

It was because of you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the Lord our God broke out against us. We did not inquire of him about the prescribed way. 1

Chron 15:13-14

For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Rom 10:2

Principles?

"Does God give you his spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?"

Galatians 3:5

Principles vs Spirit

"But now that you know God--or rather are known by God--how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles?" Gal 4:9

Romans 8:14 live by spirit

Abraham Kuyper 1837-1920

1901-1905 prime minister Netherlands

Best known for applying Christian world view to the 7 sphere's of culture:

"Oh, no single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry "Mine!"

Praise be to the Lord my Rock who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. Ps 144:1

The Cross

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith in the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:20

Live as though Dead

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col 3:3

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Ps 116:15

Count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Rom 6:11 (Dead men don't have stress)

If anyone wishes to follow me he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.

Matt 16:24-26

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col 3:3

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. Rom 8:18

When they hurled their insults at him, He did not retaliate; when he suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 1Peter 2:23
In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Hebrews 2:10

Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 5:8
I have set the Lord always before me, because he is at my right hand. I will not be shaken. Ps 16:8

I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand. ISA 31:10

I will put on a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour. ISA 61:3
Now the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold (of despair); depart, and go to the land of Judah." (praise) But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:25

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. 2 Cor 4:10:12

Overcoming Fear

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 1jn 4:18

For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but power, love and a sound mind. 1 Tim 1:7

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 14:27,28

King Jehoshaphat inquired of the lord about an attack of Judah. He proclaimed a fast, prays for deliverance.

"For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but put eyes are upon you,"v12

"Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's."v13 "You will not have to fight this battle.

After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army."

"as they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. v22

2 chron 20:12,16,17,21,23

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you; I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

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 Chron 16:9

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep on the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. Habakkuk 3:117-19

One Thing

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Matt 22:37-39

If I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing, 1 Cor 13:2