

## You Can't Get There from Here...But HE Can

How do we correctly deal with the following?

- Struggling with trials
- Dealing with temptation and sin
- Stressed with dealing with problems
- Anything like the above

The secret to dealing with these things (and not have them deal you) is to TRULY allow God to deal with it for you.

Let's be clear; Only those IN CHRIST can correctly deal with troubles - Ps 9:9-10 - 9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. 10 THOSE WHO KNOW YOUR NAME WILL TRUST IN YOU, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

God warns us that all troubles are spiritually driven, therefore; we MUST deal with them Spiritually - Eph 6:11-13 - 11 Put on the full armor of God SO THAT you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 THEREFORE put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Christians unfortunately deal with Spiritual matters with human solutions - Col 2:20-23 - 20 Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: 21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? 22 These are all destined to perish with use, BECAUSE THEY ARE BASED ON HUMAN COMMANDS AND TEACHINGS. 23 Such regulations indeed have an APPEARANCE OF WISDOM, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

How to let God deal with your struggles

We must not be motivated by emotion, but be motivated by Trust in God - John 14:1 "DO NOT LET your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

We must let go of peace based on the world and take hold of the Peace of God - John 14:27 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.

We must do all things in God's Grace and remove self - 2 Cor 12:9-10 - 9 But he said to me, "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. 10 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.

Let go of EVERYTHING you depend on, including self, and COMPLETELY depend on God - Prov 3:5-8 - 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in ALL your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Take all of your issues to Him and thank Him for His answer if you like it or not –

We must truly give our anxieties to God - 1 Peter 5:7 Cast ALL your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

We deal with anxieties by giving to God, and doing it God's way - Phil 4:6-7 - 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the PEACE OF GOD, which TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

We must Know he is God, make him our purpose, and truly see the world for what it is - James 4:7-10 - 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. RESIST THE DEVIL, and he will flee from you. 8 COME NEAR TO GOD and he will come near to you. WASH YOUR HANDS, you sinners, and PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, you double-minded. 9 GRIEVE, MOURN and WAIL. CHANGE YOUR LAUGHTER TO MOURNING and your JOY TO GLOOM. 10 HUMBLE YOURSELVES before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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