

Circumstances change. Don't let circumstance affect your faith.

Our Life situation can change overnight.

[Job 1:13-21 KJV] 13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters [were] eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: 14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: 15 And the Sabeans fell [upon them], and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 16 While he [was] yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 17 While he [was] yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 18 While he [was] yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters [were] eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: 19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

[Job 1:13-21 NLT] 13 One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 16 While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 17 While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: "Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your

camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 18 While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother's home. 19 Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 20 Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. 21 He said, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The LORD gave me what I had, and the LORD has taken it away. Praise the name of the LORD!"

Job lost all he had in this world but his wife.

We can lose a loved one, lose a job, or move to an entirely new location.

A natural disaster can wipe out all you have.

People are still sold as slaves in the name of human trafficking. Oklahoma ranks in the top 50% in 2023. This doesn't just happen in California, Texas, and New York.

A country to take over the United States changing the face of the nation. Judgment will come to America.

Joseph experienced a significant change in a moment.

[Gen 37:3, 5, 36 KJV] 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he [was] the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of [many] colours. ... 5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told [it] his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. ... 36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, [and] captain of the guard.

[Gen 37:3, 5, 36 NLT] 3 Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph--a beautiful robe. ... 5 One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. ... 36 Meanwhile, the Midianite traders arrived in Egypt, where they sold Joseph to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar was captain of the palace guard.

[Gen 39:1-2 KJV] 1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, which had brought him down thither. 2 **And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.**

[Gen 39:1-2 NLT] 1 When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. 2 **The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.**

His circumstances and his location changed but his relationship to God did not change.

God had a purpose for this change. Joseph spent about 13 years training in God's boot camp for the mission God had for him.

Joseph went from his father's favorite son to a slave in Egypt to a prisoner in Pharaoh's prison to the Prime Minister of Egypt.

Daniel experienced a significant change in a moment.

[Dan 1:1, 3, 6 KJV] 1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. ... 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring [certain] of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

[Dan 1:1, 3, 6 NLT] 1 During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ... 3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. 6 Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, **all from the tribe of Judah.**

[Dan 1:7-13 KJV] 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel [the name] of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. 10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which [are] of your sort? then shall ye make [me] endanger my head to the king. 11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

Daniel and three other young men were among the young men taken to Babylon to serve the king. They were put in Babylonian training for three years and given Babylonian names.

They changed locations and circumstances but they didn't change Gods.

Daniel reasoned with the person over him.

Daniel prayed three times a day.

So, how could they remain committed to God in the face of total change?

Faith in the Living God.

Here are others whose circumstances changed but faith in God remained constant.

Abraham, Samuel, Moses, Gideon

Christians go through battles with changes in circumstances.

[1Ki 19:3, 9-10 NLT] 3 Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. ... 9 There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. But the LORD said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

Adjustments many Need to be Made When Circumstances Change but some things must never go the wrong direction.

Your Faith in the Living God must grow stronger.

Your Focus on God must become more intense.

Your Love for God must grow stronger.

Asbury Revival Started Wednesday, February 8, 2023

WILMORE, Ky. (WKYT) - For over one hundred hours, people have filled the rows of Hughes Auditorium at Asbury University to worship.

It is being referred to now by the community as a revival, but began on Wednesday spontaneously when students felt the urge to stay after the mandatory chapel service.

“We are unique because three times a week, we stop everything that we’re doing and gather for a chapel service together,” said President of Asbury Kevin Brown. “This is just a service that hasn’t ended.”

Since Wednesday, the phenomenon has spread all throughout social media, with churches and other campuses bringing busloads of people to the chapel.

Lloyd Ninaber had never heard of Asbury before, but after seeing the social media posts, he drove seven hours from North Carolina to see the revival in Wilmore for himself.

“With what’s going on in the world and all of the darkness, this was like light and light coming through,” said Ninaber. “So I wanted to see what was going on, and see God moving.”

A revival like this is not uncommon for Asbury. Back in 1970, a similar service lasted for two weeks. Since then, there hasn’t been an act of worship of this length.

Students and community members continue to find peace in dwelling and worshiping in the chapel, and say they don’t see signs of stopping anytime soon.

“We are just sitting with him,” said Asbury Student Body President Alison Perfater. “It’s just deeply gentle and deeply loving; it’s just a glimpse of what I think heaven will look like.”

Perfater, along with many students and faculty, encourage people to come to Asbury and see the revival for themselves.

“If it’s for 20 minutes, if it’s for a couple hours, if it’s for the week,” said Perfater. “You can’t lose anything, but you can gain everything.”

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