When Tragedy Befalls Others

Both those in hard situations and those nearby or aware of the situation need to react to these types of circumstances with greater praise and faith and trust in Me.

It's not My will for the suffering of others or the tough situations you sometimes come in contact with to take you off the wall of prayer because you're so beset and besieged by doubts and questions. I need your shields of faith to be higher than that, and your trust in Me to be greater than that, so that you are able to remain effective as prayer warriors and effective as supporters of each other, even through very difficult things.

Strengthen your faith. You are called and chosen. You are My faithful ones whom I am counting on to be the supporters of the weak and the ones who will carry them through. And no matter how strong you think you are, you will not be strong enough for that task in yourself. It must be your faith in Me, your trust in Me, your dependence on Me that is strong. Then I will be able to use you to do far more than you could have ever dreamed of.

Trust Me for what you see another go through. You don't have the faith for it, nor sometimes even the grace or wherewithal to hear about it, but that's okay. I am not asking it of you, so the grace isn't yours to have. But what I have asked of another, I have likewise given them the grace and strength needed for the acceptance of it. It is still difficult for them, but unlike you, they have the grace to face it and the strength to experience it, because I am giving them measure for measure of grace and strength they need for each moment.

I have not failed. I have not gone back on My Word. I have not forgotten My own. These trials are great and this experience is traumatic and this difficulty is heartbreaking. Yet I am He Who has written it in the book of this dear one's life. I am the Author and Finisher of this precious one's life story, and though it seems horrible right now, if you will patiently read on, you will see how I turn defeat into victory and sorrow into joy and heartbreak into fuller life. I hold the pen, and nothing is going to be written in this book except what I allow. So trust Me. I am in control.

It is in times of crisis and when seemingly "bad" things happen to the helpless or the innocent that the Enemy will try to get his foot in the door and accuse Me of being heartless, unloving or merciless. He will try to get you to question Me and My love, and get you to doubt My Word and My promises. The antidote to that is to cling even tighter to Me and to My Word and promises, which is the opposite of what the Devil wants. My Word brings peace and is a balm to your troubled spirit, so cling to it, embrace it, envelop yourself in it, and let that spirit of faith and trust overflow on the one who is suffering. You will find it as cool waters that refresh your soul and theirs.

While I care for your needs and your earthly forms as My dearest loves, your spirit is of greater importance to Me. Soon your earthen frames will pass away, as will all the things of this

Earth. So take care to lift your eyes above the natural--even if that means looking above the trying circumstances and conditions surrounding you or your loved ones. Rest your eyes on Me, for only in looking to Me will you find the grace and the faith needed to rise above.

As you look up, you'll find that your perspective will change, because you will be stepping back from the trees and seeing the forest. What is truly important will come into focus, and that which is temporal will fade.

This is when you will have the ability and the fortitude to lead others. This is when you will have the kind of faith and trust that, though you or even your loved ones are called to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you will fear no evil, because I will be with you. Your faith will be grounded firmly in Me, the Light and Love of your life.

Remember that you don't need to understand all My ways or even the manner in which I choose to work in people's lives in order to have faith. All that's necessary for faith to flourish in your heart--even in the most trying and heart-wrenching situations--is placing your trust in My great love for the individual, knowing that I am always working toward a greater purpose.

The greatest strength you can manifest, and the greatest blessing you can give to others, is quiet faith and trust in Me.

Yes, your hearts will be broken for others and you will be moved with compassion. At times you will even feel overwhelmed by what is befalling others and even your own loved ones, but what do I ask of you? I call you to be moved with compassion, but not moved from steadfastly looking to Me and trusting in My love and infinite wisdom. I call each of you, My Endtime brides, to come up to that higher ground where you cannot be moved. That ground is found only in Me--your Rock of Ages.

If I should choose to work in ways that seem to you to be harsh or uncaring, will you still have faith in My love for My Own? Will you choose to trust Me and My great love for these dear ones, even above what your eyes and natural senses see and feel?

I always act in love. I am the God of Love. Human love and the human senses will never be able to fully comprehend the many sides of My love. That's where faith and trust must step in and bridge the gap. And these are two qualities which I wish to strengthen and perfect within you, My Endtime brides, because there will be times when you don't understand and when it will be difficult for even you, My chosen ones, to see My love in a situation. But it's always there. And along with that love is a foresight and wisdom that is unquestionably always right.

Praise and prayer afford you instant access to My realm, helping you to see things through My eyes. Circumstances and conditions will at times test all of your natural senses, but through praise and prayer you will be given the faith, courage and trust to navigate those times and conditions with your eyes firmly fixed on Me.

Yes, My love, your dear one is going through the fire right now, and though you would seek to pull them from the heat and give them reprieve, know that by doing so you would only stunt their growth. I love this one even more than you do and I've got a wonderful plan in store.

However, this plan requires that they be strengthened, and to be strengthened they must go through the fire. But trust Me that once they are through they will shine as even finer gold. You wouldn't want to "spare" them from the glory that awaits them, would you?

I know you wish you could take the burden of that dear one on your shoulders, for it seems as though they will crumple under the weight. But, darling, I know this one's frame and I will not give them more than they're able to bear. I'm using the testing in this one's life to bring forth fruit that will remain. Trust Me, trust My love for this one, for I truly love them far more than you ever could, and I would never allow something in their life that isn't designed to bring about My perfect will.

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