

When Tragedy Strikes

Navigating the Ups and Downs of Life, part 3
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I. T _____ brings T _____ & T _____

Some time later the woman's son became sick. He grew worse and worse, and finally he died. 1 Kings 17:17 (NLT)

II. L _____ brings L _____ L _____

Then she said to Elijah, "O man of God, what have you done to me? Have you come here to point out my sins and kill my son?" 1 Kings 17:18 (NLT)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" 3 "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him." John 9:1-3 (NLT)

III. C _____ brings C _____ & C _____

The Lord said, "Jeremiah, if you get tired racing against people, how can you race against horses? If you can't even stand up in open country, how will you manage in the jungle by the Jordan?" Jeremiah 12:5 (TEV)

But Elijah replied, "Give me your son." And he took the child's body from her arms, carried him up the stairs to the room where he was staying, and laid the body on his bed. 20 Then Elijah cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, why have you brought tragedy to this widow who has opened her home to me, causing her son to die?" 1 Kings 17:19-20 (NLT)

& a C _____

And he stretched himself out over the child three times and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, please let this child's life return to him." 1 Kings 17:21 (NLT)

IV. A R _____ brings R _____ & R _____

The Lord heard Elijah's prayer, and the life of the child returned, and he revived! 23 Then Elijah brought him down from the upper room and gave him to his mother. "Look!" he said. "Your son is alive!" 24 Then the woman told Elijah, "Now I know for sure that you are a man of God, and that the Lord truly speaks through you." 1 Kings 17:22-24 (NLT)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:27-31 (ESV)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 1 John 5:13-15 (ESV)

Women received their loved ones back again from death. But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection. Hebrews 11:35 (NLT)

All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. 40 For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us. Hebrews 11:39-40 (NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down ... And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. ... 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT)