

How Bad Do Things Have To Be? (Before We Ask God for Help)

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-27, 33
1 Peter 5:7 NIV

Introduction

We humans like to be self sufficient. We prefer our independence. We don't like to feel like we are out of control. Yet events and circumstances often intervene in our lives which we cannot change; we feel helpless yet reluctant to ask God to handle the situation for us.

I. The emergencies

If you make the Most High your dwelling -- even the Lord, who is my refuge -- then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:9-11 NIV

- A. Daniel - Daniel 6
- B. Three Hebrew officials - Daniel 3
- C. Peter in prison - Acts 12
- D. Disciples in the storm - Mark 4
- E. Sennacherib - Isaiah 36-37; 2 Kings 18-19

II. The difficult

- A. Conquest of Jericho - Joshua 6
- B. Ai - Joshua 7
- C. David and Goliath - 1 Samuel 17

III. The common

- A. The ax head that floated - 2 Kings 6
- B. Elijah fed by ravens - 1 Kings 17

Conclusion

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
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