Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: Romans 8: 38-39

Triumph Through Trust By: Rev. Billy Graham

There are two ways to respond to adversity: Discouragement or trust.

The problem with giving in to discouragement is that it only makes things worse, for with it may come bitterness, anger, jealousy, revenge, and so forth. We may even try to escape through drugs or alcohol. But do any of these solve the problem? No!

God has a better way – the way of trust. Sometimes He may show us that we were in the wrong. When that is the case, we need to confess it, repent, and seek His forgiveness. Sometimes, however, we can only accept what is happening and ask God to help us endure it and triumph over it.

One of the best ways to overcome adversity, I've found, is to praise God right in the middle of the turmoil. Turning to God's Word will also encourage us; many of the Psalms, for example, were written in the midst of suffering and adversity. Follow the Psalmist's example: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Ps. 103:2).

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